

02 NCAC 48C .0123 ANALYSIS FOR FARMERS OR SEEDMEN

(a) The germination and purity analyses of agricultural and vegetable seeds shall be free to any person residing within the state. However, the Seed Administrator may limit the number of such free tests made annually, or during certain seasons, for any one person, and may designate the time or dates when such samples will be accepted for testing, as necessary to keep the number of samples within the capacity of the seed laboratory. The Seed Administrator may refuse to analyze any sample of seeds submitted for testing that has not been reasonably well cleaned, or does not comply with these Rules.

(b) A fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per sample (100 seeds) shall be charged to any North Carolina citizen who requests the tetrazolium chloride (T.Z.) test. This test shall be limited to wheat, oats, barley and rye seeds from the period July 1 to November 1 of each year, and to peanuts, soybeans, corn and cotton seeds from the period of December 1 through June 30 of each year. The Seed Administrator shall have authority to accept special problem samples of other species for T.Z. tests.

(c) Fees for in-state testing of tall fescue and other grass seeds and plant tissues for the presence of fungal endophytes are as follows:

- (1) fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per sample for seeds;
- (2) fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per sample for plant tissue analysis;
- (3) twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per sample for seeds which require seedling production.

(d) Fees for out-of-state testing of tall fescue and other grass seeds and plant tissues for the presence of fungal endophytes are as follows:

- (1) thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per sample for seeds;
- (2) twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per sample for plant tissue analysis;
- (3) forty-five dollars (\$45.00) per sample for seeds which require seedling production.

(e) The fee for testing small grain seed for Loose Smut shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per sample.

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