

**Project User Fee Schedule**  
**ISU Ag Engineering/Agronomy Farm**  
**ISU Central Iowa Farms**

On approval of the Agronomy Farm Oversight Committee, the fees for use of land and facilities at the Ag Engineering and Agronomy Farm (AEA), the Central Iowa Farms, and associated properties have been revised for the crop year 2023. The fee schedule for crops (agronomic) will be as follows:

1. \$300/acre/year including alleys, borders, etc.
2. Minimum fee for any study is \$300/year.
3. Grain and soil samples will require an additional fee per sample negotiated in advance.
4. All costs beyond normal operation may be charged to the project. Normal is defined as typical tillage, planting, pest management, and harvest (not data collection).
5. Fees are assessed each year in the fall for projects in progress.
6. Corn isolation plots and irrigated plots are \$400/acre.
7. Crop destruct projects may be charged additional costs if incurred.
8. Any saleable crop including grains, biomass, forages, etc. that are produced on the research plots that are not used by the research projects will be property of the AEA and or Central Iowa Farms for marketing on the open market.

Special considerations – a) very large or very long-term studies will pay a negotiated fee, and b) studies excluded from the User Fee Schedule are soil moisture survey, weather stations, and demonstration plantings. Also, if this fee structure negatively impacts the research farms budget, it is subject to review by the departmental committees.

Waivers – Fee waivers are available in cases where funds are not available. The farm superintendent, coordinator of the farms, and project leader's supervisor must sign a waiver form. In-kind payments may be accepted in lieu of dollar payments at the discretion of the farm superintendent.

All fees are on a per site/farm basis. All projects led by private companies are billed at 4X rate (\$1200/acre).

The AEA Farm has dryers for use. The fee is \$3.00/cart/day. Coolers at the AEA Farm can be used for \$600/year or \$50/month. Fees for the pallet dryer are \$25/pallet box per day. Contact Mike Fiscus 515-296-4082 for scheduling.

These fees will be used to offset the costs at the farm including inputs, maintenance, and replacement.

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