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Leading Harvest Program User Fee Schedule Procedures

- I. Leading Harvest Program Users are required to pay annual program fees to Leading Harvest. Leading Harvest fees are based on the calendar year.
- II. Program fees cover the cost of maintaining and administering the Leading Harvest Program, including ongoing update and promotion of the Leading Harvest Farmland Management Standard.
- III. Fees are tiered based on the number of acres enrolled by a Program User and are divided into row and permanent crops. The fee schedule appears below.
- IV. In the case that a Program User fails to make payment before the close of the calendar year, Leading Harvest will notify the Program User's certification body and it may result in a termination of the certification status.
- V. Changes that occur during the calendar year will be handled as follows:
 - a. Program Users that join Leading Harvest during the calendar year will be assessed a prorated fee based on the month of their enrollment (e.g. if a Program User joins in April, their fee that first year will be 75% of the calculated annual fee).
 - b. Program fee adjustments that result from mergers, acquisitions, or dispositions will take effect the following year.



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- I. The following table illustrates the annual fee schedule for Leading Harvest Program Users
- II. For 500 acres and less, the annual fee is a flat fee as described in the max per tier column.
- III. For acres above 500, fees are calculated by multiplying marginal acreage in the highest applicable tier by the rate of that tier and then adding the max per tier value from the previous tier.

Permanent Crop Fee Schedule			
Acres Min	Acres Max	Rate	Max per tier
-	500	N/A	\$ 5,250
500	10,000	\$ 3.15	\$ 35,175
10,000	50,000	\$ 2.28	\$ 126,175
50,000	100,000	\$ 1.75	\$ 213,675
100,000	250,000	\$ 1.58	\$ 449,925
250,000	500,000	\$ 1.23	\$ 756,175
500,000	750,000	\$ 0.88	\$ 974,925
750,000	1,000,000	\$ 0.53	\$ 1,106,175
1,000,000	1,500,000	\$ 0.18	\$ 1,193,675

Row Crop Fee Schedule			
Acres Min	Acres Max	Rate	Max per tier
-	500	N/A	\$ 1,500
500	10,000	\$ 0.90	\$ 10,050
10,000	50,000	\$ 0.65	\$ 36,050
50,000	100,000	\$ 0.50	\$ 61,050
100,000	250,000	\$ 0.45	\$ 128,550
250,000	500,000	\$ 0.35	\$ 216,050
500,000	750,000	\$ 0.25	\$ 278,550
750,000	1,000,000	\$ 0.15	\$ 316,050
1,000,000	1,500,000	\$ 0.05	\$ 341,050
1,500,000	2,500,000	\$ 0.03	\$ 366,050

Fee Calculation Example

3,000 acres of row crops

- I. This organization falls in the 500-10,000 acres tier for row crops, which has a tier fee rate of \$0.90.
- II. The maximum potential fee from the previous tier is \$1,500.
- III. The fee for 3,000 acres of row crops is calculated as: $((3,000 - 500) \times \$0.90) + \$1,500$.
- IV. The resulting fee = \$3,750

# Acres	Min. of Tier	Tier Rate	Previous Tier Max.	Total Fee
((3,000 - 500)	x	\$0.90)	+	\$1,500.00 = \$3,750.00