

**17B.03 GRAIN WEIGHING, SAMPLING, ANALYSIS; LABORATORY EVALUATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Commissioner's powers.** The commissioner of agriculture shall exercise general supervision over the inspection, grading, weighing, sampling, and analysis of grain subject to the provisions of the United States Grain Standards Act of 1976 and the rules promulgated thereunder by the United States Department of Agriculture. This activity may take place within or outside the state of Minnesota. Scale testing must be performed at export locations or, upon request from and with the consent of the delegated authority, at domestic locations. Fees for the testing of scales and weighing equipment shall be fixed by the commissioner and must be uniform with those charged by the Division of Weights and Measures of the Department of Commerce.

Subd. 2. **Samples.** The commissioner also may accept upon request samples drawn by and certified to by contracting parties for inspection, analysis and grading by state laboratory personnel.

Subd. 3. **Laboratories.** The commissioner may establish a procedure to be used in evaluating grain testing laboratories and their laboratory procedures and methodology to the end that such laboratory procedures and methodology may be uniform with state procedures and methodology.

**History:** 1974 c 548 s 3; 1978 c 610 s 1; 2002 c 373 s 7; 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 14