

# ARS Crop Research Cost Recovery Guidelines

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Crop research conducted on ARS land will be assessed a per acre charge detailed in the table below. The rates quoted are for standard experiments requiring routine field operations such as tillage, planting, spraying, cultivation, harvest, and crop inputs not provided by the researcher.

Fee Schedule for crop research conducted on ARS land

<b>Crop</b>	<b>Charge/researcher/station &lt; 4 acres*</b>	<b>In Excess of 4 acres**</b>
All field crops	\$112.50/acre	\$56.25/acre
All vegetable crops except potatoes	\$225/acre	\$112.50/acre
Potatoes	\$900/acre	\$450/acre
Large fruit crops	\$618.75/acre	\$309.38/acre
Small fruit crops	\$1406.25/acre	\$703.13/acre

\*There is a minimum one acre charge/researcher/station fee for an experiment(s) that totals less than one acre.

\*\*Where the harvested crop can be sold to generate income for ARS, the crop receipts will be deducted from the portion of the plot charges exceeding the 4 acre minimum charge. This credit will be deducted from the researchers charge-no funds will be returned to the researcher for any income in excess of the ARS charge.

1. In addition the following guidelines apply:
  - a. Experiments requiring more than the standard field operations and inputs may be assessed an additional fee as determined by the station superintendent in collaboration with the affected researcher.
  - b. Cost recovery for large acreage or unique experiments must be negotiated in advance with the station superintendent.
  - c. In-kind donation of items such as seed, chemicals, and fertilizer beyond which are used in an experiment can be used to defray charges. A value for donated items will be determined based on market value. The value of donations will be considered within the growing season donated – a continuous “donation balance” will not be kept across years.
  - d. Tree research will be charged at the field crop rate.
  - e. The fee schedule does not apply to the Greenhouses, O.J. Noer , and Kemp.