

As stated in the Procedures, a field inspection must be completed to verify no listed noxious weeds are present before the field is harvested. If a small isolated infestation is located, it may be able to be delimited by manual removal or excluding that portion of the field from harvest. The ability to delimit will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The grower is to call and schedule an inspection at least 10 days before harvest to ensure a site visit and any delimitation or followup inspections can be completed by the Shasta County Department of Agriculture before the crop is harvested.

Inspections of fields will only be performed before the crop has been cut or harvested. No inspections of cut or baled commodities is allowed.

For baled crops, the number of bales from the certified field must also be verified before the certificate can be issued.

The total cost for the Weed Free Forage certificate include the mileage charge from the Commissioner's office to the field and back, the hourly rate to inspect the field (this may vary depending upon the size and shape of the field and the specific crop being inspected) and the \$94.00 fee for the certificate itself.

More detailed information can be obtained by calling the Shasta County Department of Agriculture at 224-4949.