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**GRAIN & FEED
ASSOCIATION
of Illinois**

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April 10, 2008

The Honorable Dan Rutherford
Illinois Senate
105B Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706

RE: Department of Agriculture Fee Increases – Please Oppose

Dear Senator Rutherford:

On behalf of the members of the Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association and the Grain & Feed Association of Illinois, we are informing you of fee increases being proposed by the administration that impact agribusiness. The proposed increases are listed below; many of these fees were also raised in 2004 as part of that year's budget implementation bill.

While we appreciate and generally support the need for fees to administer the programs that regulate our industry, the track record in recent years has been to raise fees and then sweep the Dept of Ag control funds of their balances. This does not help the Dept of Agriculture or the industry. We have every reason to believe that the revenue generated by the fee increases listed below will also be swept from their respective control funds within the Dept of Agriculture and transferred to GRF. For that reason, we ask for your help in opposing these fee increases.

Weights and Measures

The Bureau of Weights and Measurers charges a fee for annual inspection of commercial weighing and measuring devices. These inspection fees are broken down by device type and capacity. These fees were raised in 2004, now are being raised again.

DEVICE	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Scales (0-50#)	\$18	\$20
Scales (51-2,000#)	\$39	\$43
Scales (2,001 and Greater#)	\$186	\$210
Railroad Track Scales	\$94	\$125
Motor Fuel Dispensers	\$18	\$20
Motor Fuel Meters (up to 2 3/4")	\$94	\$125
Motor Fuel Meters (Greater than 2 3/4")	\$186	\$200
LPG Meters	\$140	\$150
Mass Flow Meters	\$94	\$100
Grain Moisture Meters	\$94	\$100
Metrology Lab	\$140/hr	\$150/hr

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