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[Cal. Food & Agric. Code § 52002](#)

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§ 52002.

The director shall do all of the following:

(a) Establish, by regulation, uniform standards for field crop products which shall conform as closely as possible to those which are established by the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.

(b) Establish inspection districts within the state. If such a district is established, inspection service may be rendered in it in accordance with regulations which are adopted by the director.

(c) Establish, upon request, inspection stations at warehouses, docks, or industrial plants, which are within or without an established inspection district. The director may make special regulations which are applicable to each specific inspection station and the conditions under which it shall be established and maintained.

(d) Provide through the regularly established inspection district and stations, sampling, grading, inspection, weighing, and certification service for field crop products within the state or which are shipped into or through the state.

(e) Issue certificates as to quality, condition, and quantity of field crop or other agricultural products in accordance with standards which are established pursuant to this chapter, or any other standards which may be fixed by trade or contract and which do not conflict with official standards.

(f) Adopt regulations for sampling, grading, inspection, weighing, and certification for the purposes of carrying out this chapter.

(g) Fix fees for sampling, grading, inspection, weighing, and certification of field crop products, which fees in the aggregate shall pay the cost of services necessary to perform such sampling, grading, inspection, weighing, and certification. The director may collect such fees in advance of performing the services, but is not required to do so if in his opinion the benefits of such services would be lessened by such advance payments.



§ 52061.

The director shall inspect, weigh, and grade upon request and certify to any interested party the quality, condition, and quantity of any field crop or other agricultural product under such regulations as he may prescribe. Certificates which are issued by authorized agents of the director are prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements which are contained in them. The presumption established by this section is a presumption affecting the burden of proof, but it does not apply in a criminal action.

Such inspection shall not be made or such certificates issued by any person not specifically authorized by the director in reference to any field crop product for which state standards have been established. Any person so authorized shall comply with the regulations adopted by the director relative to the certification of field crop products.

§ 52063.

Any person that is aggrieved by the grading by any authorized inspector of any of the products for which standards have been established pursuant to this chapter may appeal to the director in accordance with such regulations as he may establish. If the appeal pertains to a commodity for which standards have been established pursuant to federal law, the appellant may appeal to the Federal Grain Inspection Service.

