

## **Wisconsin Statute Chapter 126, Subchapter VI – Vegetable Contractors**

### **Vegetable Contractor License Fees and Surcharges ATCP 101.23 Wisconsin Administrative Code**

A person or business entity applying for an annual vegetable contractor license under Wis. Stats. § 126.56, shall pay all of the following license fees and surcharges, rather than license fees and surcharges provided in Wis. Stats. § 126.56(4):

1. A nonrefundable license processing fee of \$25.
2. A fee of \$25 plus 8.75 cents for each \$100 in contract obligations reported under Wis. Stats. § 126.56(9)(a) less any fee credits for which the vegetable contractor qualifies under Wis. Stats. § 126.56(6).  
This subsection does not apply to a processing potato buyer that has elected under Wis. Stats. § 126.595(1) not to participate in the fund.
3. For a processing potato buyer that has elected under Wis. Stats. §§ 126.595(1), not to participate in the fund, a fee equal to the lesser of the following amounts:
  - a. \$25 plus 8.75 cents for each \$100 in contract obligations reported under Wis. Stats. § 126.56(9)(a).
  - b. \$2,000
4. A surcharge of \$500 if, within 365 days before submitting the license application, the applicant operated as a vegetable contractor without a license in violation of Wis. Stats. § 126.56(1). The applicant shall also pay any license fees, license surcharges, and fund assessments that are still due for the license year in which the applicant violated Wis. Stats. § 126.56(1).
5. A surcharge of \$100 if, within 365 days before submitting the license application, the applicant failed to file an annual financial statement required under Wis. Stats. § 126.58(1)(b), by the applicable deadline.
6. A surcharge of \$100 if a renewal applicant fails to renew a license by the license expiration date of January 31.

### **Vegetable Contractors; Security**

Under Wis. Stats. § 126.55, “Deferred payment contract” means a vegetable procurement contract in which the vegetable producer or a producer agent agrees to accept payment after January 31 for processing vegetables harvested during the previous calendar year.

Before a vegetable contractor offers a deferred payment contract the vegetable contractor shall put the deferred payment contract to a vote of vegetable producers as provided in Wis. Stats. § 126.63(5).

You may visit the following websites to see the applicable statutes & rules:

Chapter 126, Wis. Stats. - <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/126.pdf>

Chapter ATCP 101, Wis. Admin. Code - <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/rsb/code/atcp/atcp101.pdf>

Producer Security Fund under Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection –  
[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/VegetableContractor.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/VegetableContractor.aspx)