



Ohio Revised Code

Section 927.53 License fees.

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(A) Each collector or dealer who sells, offers, or exposes for sale, or distributes nursery stock within this state, or ships nursery stock to other states, shall pay an annual license fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars to the director of agriculture for each place of business the collector or dealer operates.

(B)(1) Each dealer shall furnish the director, annually, an affidavit that the dealer will buy and sell only nursery stock which has been inspected and certified by an official state or federal inspector.

(2) Each dealer's license expires on the thirty-first day of December of each year. Each licensed dealer shall apply for renewal of the dealer's license prior to the first day of January of each year and in accordance with the standard renewal procedure of sections 4745.01 to 4745.03 of the Revised Code.

(C) Each licensed nurseryperson shall post conspicuously in the nurseryperson's principal place of business, the certificate which is issued to the nurseryperson in accordance with section 927.61 of the Revised Code.

(D) Each licensed nurseryperson, or dealer, shall post conspicuously in each place of business, each certificate or license which is issued to the nurseryperson or dealer in compliance with this section or section 927.61 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) Each nurseryperson who produces, sells, offers for sale, or distributes woody nursery stock within the state, or ships woody nursery stock to other states, shall pay to the director an annual inspection fee of two hundred dollars plus fifteen dollars per acre, or fraction thereof, of growing nursery stock in intensive production areas and ten dollars per acre, or fraction thereof, of growing nursery stock in nonintensive production areas, as applicable.

(2) Each nurseryperson who limits production and sales of nursery stock to brambles, herbaceous,



perennial, and other nonwoody plants, shall pay to the director an inspection fee of one hundred dollars, plus eleven dollars per acre, or fraction thereof, of growing nursery stock in intensive and nonintensive production areas.

(F) The fees collected under this section shall be credited to the plant pest program fund created in section 927.54 of the Revised Code.