

## **GIPSA Implements New NIRT Hard White Wheat Protein Calibration**

WASHINGTON, DC (May 8, 1998) -- The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration implemented an updated calibration for Hard White wheat protein determination using Near Infrared Transmittance instrumentation on May 1, 1998.

The improved calibration incorporates additional varieties of Hard White wheat that have been released recently. It also incorporates improved standardization technology that requires less labor for installation and verification.

According to GIPSA administrator James R. Baker, the improved standardizing technology increases the efficiency and cost effectiveness of official inspection. He also said that this is another indication of GIPSA's commitment to improving services for its customers and to facilitating the marketing of grain.

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