

## **Using New Official Moisture Meter for Corn, Soybeans, and Sunflower Seeds**

WASHINGTON, DC (June 25, 1998) --The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration announced that, effective August 1, 1998, and thereafter, the Grain Analysis Computer Model 2100 (GAC 2100) will be used for all official moisture content measurements of corn, soybeans, and sunflower seed inspected under the U.S. Grain Standards Act.

GIPSA announced the selection of the GAC 2100, manufactured by Dickey-john Corporation, to replace the Motomco Model 919 Moisture Meter for official moisture content measurements on April 9, 1998. Implementation of the new instruments for official measurements of grains, oilseeds, and processed commodities is being phased in, product by product, over a period of at least 2 years. For any given product, all official moisture measurements will be performed using the Motomco Model 919 until the transition date for that product; the GAC 2100 will be used exclusively thereafter. Transition dates for each product will be selected to minimize the impact of the changes on the value of carry-over stocks. The tentative transition date for barley, oats, rough rices, sorghum, and all wheats is May 1, 1999. Transition dates for peas, beans, lentils, and other commodities may lie beyond 1999.

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