

## **GIPSA Issues Moisture Meter Calibrations for Wheat and Small Grains**

WASHINGTON, DC (May 1, 1999)-The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced that, effective May 1, 1999, and thereafter, the Grain Analysis Computer Model 2100 (GAC 2100) will be used for barley, corn, oats, Long and Medium Grain rough rice, sorghum, soybeans, oil-type sunflower seed, and wheat inspections.

GIPSA uses the GAC 2100 moisture meter for official measurement of the moisture content of official grains. The Motomco 919, the preceding official meter, will not be used for official moisture determination on the aforementioned grains after April 30, 1999.

On August 1, 1998, the GAC 2100 was implemented for use in the official inspection system for corn, soybeans, and sunflower seeds (oil-type).

According to GIPSA administrator Jim R. Baker, the new moisture meter improves the ease, speed, and reliability of official moisture measurement and allows automated measurements and electronic transmission of results.

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