

GIPSA Announces New Moisture Calibrations For Edible Beans, Peas, Mustard Seed, Popcorn, And Triticale

Washington, D.C. (June 30, 2003)-The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced the implementation of new Dickey-john GAC 2100 moisture calibrations for: Pink Beans, Small Red Beans, Small White Beans, Yelloweye Beans, Austrian Winter Peas, Split Peas, Wrinkled Dry Peas, Brown Mustard Seed, Oriental Mustard Seed, Yellow Mustard Seed, Popcorn, and Triticale.

The new calibrations, which will go into effect on July 1, 2003, supersede the Motomco 919 Moisture Meter charts for these commodities.

According to GIPSA administrator Donna Reifschneider, the new moisture meter calibrations improve the ease, speed, and reliability of official moisture measurement.

For more information, see GIPSA Program Directive 9180.61, "Official Calibrations for the Dickey-john GAC 2100 Moisture Meter," at: <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/reference-library/directives/9180-61.pdf>

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