

Program Handbook

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MOISTURE HANDBOOK

FOREWORD

This Handbook sets forth the policies and procedures regarding the approval, alignment, calibration, operation, examination, and testing of moisture meters used in official inspection activities. The procedures contained in this Handbook are applicable to all Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards (GIPSA) Headquarters units, GIPSA field offices, sub-offices, and official agencies.

GIPSA's decision to approve and adopt the GAC2500-UGMA and Perten AM5200-A as new official moisture meters does not mean that the Agency endorses or recommends these instruments for unofficial purposes over other similar instruments that are not approved for the official system. The Agency's selection of these instruments was based on GIPSA's unique operational needs. Other instrument models may be as or more suitable for a commercial entity's needs.

For Corn, Sorghum, Soybeans, and both Confectionary and Oil Type Sunflower Seed, all official moisture measurements will be performed using the GAC 2500-UGMA or Perten AM5200-A exclusively on and after September 1, 2012, transition date; the GAC 2100 will be used for the remaining grains and commodities until the May 1, 2013, transition date.

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