

**OFFICIAL MOISTURE CALIBRATIONS FOR UNIFIED GRAIN
MOISTURE ALGORITHM (UGMA) COMPATIBLE METERS**

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1. PURPOSE

This directive defines the official calibrations for use with the DICKEY-john GAC 2500-UGMA and Perten AM 5200-A moisture meters used by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and its system of Official Inspection Providers for official grain moisture measurement.

2. BACKGROUND

This directive specifies updated official UGMA-compatible moisture meter calibrations for the DICKEY-john GAC 2500 to correct the temperature correction parameters. This correction, identified by DICKEY-john, affects only the Sunflower (oil-type and confectionary) calibrations and can lead to inaccurate results when cold samples are analyzed.

The anticipated change due to this correction is that, on average, results originally based on samples with temperatures below 20 °C (68 °F) will increase by 0.9% moisture and, on average, results originally based on samples with temperatures above 24 °C (75 °F) will decrease by 0.3% moisture. No change, on average, is anticipated for results originally based on samples with temperatures between 20 – 24 °C (68 – 75 °F). Results may vary on a sample-by-sample basis.

This directive also restates all other calibrations transmitted in the previous directive dated August 1, 2018.

AMS requires that its official moisture instruments conform to National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP) requirements so they can be used for commercial as well as official grain inspection. The NTEP requirements are stated in the National Conference on Weights and Measures: Publication 14 Grain Moisture Meters & Near Infrared Grain Analyzers ©2018.

AMS calibration accuracy criteria, more restrictive than the NTEP requirements, mandates that the average difference between the results from a meter model and the USDA air oven method must not exceed +/- 0.15 percent moisture (for the most recent three years of data for the NTEP grains and for five years of data for the minor grains). The tolerance is increased slightly if the number of available samples is small. Tolerances for agreement between UGMA-Compatible meter models and AMS's master UGMA system are defined in CRITERIA FOR UNIFIED GRAIN MOISTURE ALGORITHM (UGMA) AND OFFICIAL SYSTEM COMPATIBILITY (available on the AMS website).

Attachment 1 lists the DICKEY-john GAC 2500-UGMA and Perten AM 5200-A calibration versions for the major grains (those grains that are also included in the NTEP) and for non-NTEP minor grains and commodities for official grain moisture measurements. Attachment 2 lists calibration moisture ranges and temperature ranges applicable to both meter models. The basic sample temperature range across all moisture contents and all grains is 0 to 45 °C (32 to 113 °F). The lower temperature limit is extended to -18 °C (-0.4 °F) for moisture levels below the limits indicated for each grain type in Attachment 2. Moisture readings are automatically inhibited when sample temperatures are outside the specified ranges.

3. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This directive replaces Directive 9180.61, Official Moisture Meter Calibrations, dated, August 1, 2018.

4. PROCEDURES

Official calibration files and installation instructions for both the DICKEY-john GAC 2500-UGMA and the Perten AM 5200-A are available for download at Moisture Equipment (<https://www.gipsa.usda.gov/fgis/moisture.aspx>). All official inspection laboratories shall use these official calibrations for the DICKEY-john GAC 2500-UGMA and Perten AM 5200-A meters for all grains and commodities for official inspections performed on and after November 19, 2018.

5. QUESTIONS

Direct any questions concerning this directive to the Inspection Instrumentation Branch at (816) 891-0401.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Grain types as displayed on the moisture meters with current calibration version identifiers.

Grain/Commodity Name	Displayed Grain Type	Perten AM 5200-A Calibration Version	DICKEY-john GAC 2500-UGMA Calibration Version	Calibration Effective Date*
NTEP GRAINS				
Barley, Six-rowed	Barley 6Row	BAR 160415	20170417N	May 1, 2017(D) May 1, 2016(P)
Barley, Two-rowed	Barley 2Row	BAR 160415	20170417N	May 1, 2017(D) May 1, 2016(P)
Corn	Corn	CORN 180417	20180414N	Aug. 1, 2018
Oats	Oats	OATS 180417	20180414N	May 1, 2018
Rice, Long Grain Rough	Rice LG Ruf	LGRR 170414	20160415N	Aug. 1, 2016(D) Aug. 1, 2017(P)
Rice, Medium Grain Rough	Rice MG Ruf	MGRR 180417	20180414N	Aug. 1, 2018
Sorghum	Sorghum	SORG 180417	20180414N	Aug. 1, 2018
Soybeans	Soybeans	SOY 180417	20170417N	Aug. 1, 2017(D) Aug. 1, 2018(P)
Sunflower seed (Oil-Type)	Sunflower	SFS 180417	20181115N	Nov. 19, 2018 (D) Aug 1, 2018 (P)
Wheat, Durum	Durum	DURUM 180417	20170417N	May 1, 2017 (D) May 1, 2018 (P)
Wheat, Hard Red Spring	Wheat HRS	WHTH 160415	20170417N	May 1, 2017(D) May 1, 2016(P)
Wheat, Hard Red Winter	Wheat HRW	WHTH 160415	20170417N	May 1, 2017(D) May 1, 2016(P)
Wheat, Hard White	Wheat HW	WHTH 160415	20170417N	May 1, 2017(D) May 1, 2016(P)
Wheat, Soft Red Winter	Wheat SRW	WHTS 160415	20180414N	May 1, 2018(D) May 1, 2016(P)
Wheat, Soft White	Wheat SW	WHTS 160415	20160415N	May 1, 2016
NON-NTEP GRAINS				
Beans, Baby Lima	BN Baby Lima	BEAN2 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Beans, Black	BN Black	BEAN3 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Beans, Blackeye	BN Blackeye	BEAN1 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Beans, Cranberry	BN Cranberry	BEAN1 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Beans, Kidney	BN Kidney	BEAN5 130415	20180414	Aug 1, 2018 (D) May 1, 2013 (P)
Beans, Garbanzo	BN Garbanzo	BEAN2 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Beans, Great Northern	BN Grt Nrthn	BEAN3 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013

***NOTE: Calibration effective dates with a (D) apply to the DICKEY-john GAC 2500-UGMA, dates with a (P) apply to the Perten AM 5200-A, and dates without a () apply to both models.**

Grain/Commodity Name	Displayed Grain Type	Perten AM 5200-A Calibration Version	DICKEY-john GAC 2500-UGMA Calibration Version	Calibration Effective Date*
Beans, Large Lima	BN Lrg Lima	BEAN3 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Beans, Pea	BN Pea	BEAN4 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Beans, Pink	BN Pink	BEAN1 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Beans, Pinto	BN Pinto	BEAN1 130415	20170417	Aug. 1, 2017 (D) May 1, 2013 (P)
Beans, Small Red	BN Small Red	BEAN2 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Beans, Small White	BN Small Wht	BEAN4 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Beans, Yelloweye	BN Yelloweye	BEAN2 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Canola	Canola	CANOLA 180417	20180414	Aug. 1, 2018
Flaxseed	Flaxseed	FLAX 140418	20130501	May 1, 2013(D) Aug. 1, 2014(P)
Lentils	Lentils	BEAN4 130415	20180414	Aug. 1, 2018(D) May 1, 2013(P)
Mustard seed, Brown	Mustard Brn	MUSTARD 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Mustard seed, Oriental	Mustard O	OMUSTARD 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Mustard seed, Yellow	Mustard Y	MUSTARD 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Peas, Mottled	Peas Mottled	PEAS 140418	20130501	May 1, 2013(D) Aug. 1, 2014(P)
Peas, Smooth Dry	Peas Smooth	PEAS 140418	20130501	May 1, 2013(D) Aug. 1, 2014(P)
Peas, Split	Peas Split	BEAN1 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Peas, Wrinkled Dry	Peas Wrinkl'd	PEAS 140418	20130501	May 1, 2013(D) Aug. 1, 2014(P)
Popcorn	Popcorn	POPCORN 150420	20150420	Aug. 1, 2015
Rapeseed	Rapeseed	CANOLA 180417	20180414	Aug. 1, 2018
Rice, Brewers Milled	Rice BMR	SMRICE 140418	20140418	Aug. 1, 2014
Rice, Brewers Milled Parboiled	Rice BMRP	PBRICE 140418	20130501	May 1, 2013(D) Aug. 1, 2014(P)
Rice, Long Grain Brown	Rice LGBR	BRRICE 140418	20140418	Aug. 1, 2014
Rice, Long Grain Brown Parboiled	Rice LGBRP	PBRICE 140418	20130501	May 1, 2013(D) Aug. 1, 2014(P)

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Grain/Commodity Name	Displayed Grain Type	Perten AM 5200-A Calibration Version	DICKEY-john GAC 2500-UGMA Calibration Version	Calibration Effective Date*
Rice, Long Grain Milled	Rice LGMR	LMRICE 140418	20130501	May 1, 2013(D) Aug. 1, 2014(P)
Rice, Long Grain Milled Parboiled	Rice LGMRP	PBRICE 140418	20130501	May 1, 2013(D) Aug. 1, 2014(P)
Rice, Medium Grain Brown	Rice MGBR	BRRICE 140418	20140418	Aug. 1, 2014
Rice, Medium Grain Milled	Rice MGMR	LMRICE 140418	20130501	May 1, 2013(D) Aug. 1, 2014(P)
Rice, Medium Grain Milled Parboiled	Rice MGMRP	PBRICE 140418	20130501	May 1, 2013(D) Aug. 1, 2014(P)
Rice, Screenings Milled	Rice SMR	SMRICE 140418	20140418	Aug. 1, 2014
Rice, Second Head Milled	Rice SHMR	SMRICE 140418	20140418	Aug. 1, 2014
Rice, Second Head Milled Parboiled	Rice SHMRP	PBRICE 140418	20130501	May 1, 2013(D) Aug. 1, 2014(P)
Rice, Short Grain Brown	Rice SGBR	BRRICE 140418	20140418	Aug. 1, 2014
Rice, Short Grain Milled	Rice SGMR	SMRICE 140418	20140418	Aug. 1, 2014
Rice, Short Grain Rough	Rice SG Ruf	SGRR 180417	20180414	Aug. 1, 2018
Rye	Rye	RYE 140418	20130501	May 1, 2013(D) May 1, 2014(P)
Safflower seed	Safflower	SAFFL 140418	20130501	May 1, 2013(D) Aug. 1, 2014(P)
Sunflower seed (Confectionary)	Sunflwr Conf	SFS 180417	20181115	Nov. 19, 2018(D) Aug. 1, 2018(P)
Triticale	Triticale	RYE 140418	20130501	May 1, 2013(D) May 1, 2014(P)
NON-STANDARDIZED GRAINS				
Barley, Hulless	Barley Hless	BAR 160415	20130501	May 1, 2013(D) May 1, 2016(P)
Buckwheat	Buckwheat	BKWHT 140418	20140418	Aug. 1, 2014
Buckwheat Groats	Buckwheat Gr	BKWHT 140418	20140418	Aug. 1, 2014
Oats, Hulless	Oats Hless	DURUM 150420	20150420	May 1, 2015

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Attachment 2: Official Calibration Moisture and Temperature Ranges

Official calibration moisture ranges (outside of which warnings are displayed) and upper moisture limits for moisture measurements when sample temperatures are below 0 °C (32 °F). The upper sample temperature limit is 45 °C (113 °F) for all grain types.

Grain/Commodity Name	Calibration Moisture Range (%)	Temperature limit extended to -18°C (0 °F) for moisture less than __%
NTEP GRAINS		
Barley, Six-rowed	8-18	18
Barley, Two-rowed	8-18	18
Corn	6-46	19
Oats	8-16	13
Rice, Long Grain Rough	8-26	18
Rice, Medium Grain Rough	8-28	18
Sorghum	10-24	16
Soybeans	5-24	20
Sunflower seed (Oil-Type)	4-28	13
Wheat, Durum	4-30	19
Wheat, Hard Red Spring	6-22	19
Wheat, Hard Red Winter	6-22	19
Wheat, Hard White	6-22	19
Wheat, Soft Red Winter	7-24	19
Wheat, Soft White	7-24	19
NON-NTEP GRAINS		
Beans, Baby Lima	6-20	15
Beans, Black	8-20	15
Beans, Blackeye	8-20	15
Beans, Cranberry	8-20	15
Beans, Kidney	6-20	15
Beans, Garbanzo	6-20	15
Beans, Great Northern	8-20	15
Beans, Large Lima	8-20	15
Beans, Pea	8-22	15
Beans, Pink	8-20	15
Beans, Pinto	8-20	15
Beans, Small Red	6-20	15
Beans, Small White	8-22	15
Beans, Yelloweye	6-20	15

Grain/Commodity Name	Calibration Moisture Range (%)	Temperature limit extended to -18°C (0 °F) for moisture less than __%
Canola	4-14	0
Flaxseed	6-14	10
Lentils	6-20	15
Mustard Seed, Brown	6-12	9
Mustard Seed, Oriental	6-18	9
Mustard Seed, Yellow	6-12	9
Peas, Mottled	6-16	11
Peas, Smooth Dry	6-16	11
Peas, Split	8-20	15
Peas, Wrinkled Dry	6-16	11
Popcorn	10-30	19
Rapeseed	4-14	0
Rice, Brewers Milled	10-16	16
Rice, Brewers Milled Parboiled	10-14	13
Rice, Long Grain Brown	10-22	16
Rice, Long Grain Brown Parboiled	10-14	13
Rice, Long Grain Milled	10-18	16
Rice, Long Grain Milled Parboiled	10-14	13
Rice, Medium Grain Brown	10-22	16
Rice, Medium Grain Milled	10-18	16
Rice, Medium Grain Milled Parboiled	10-14	13
Rice, Screenings Milled	10-16	16
Rice, Second Head Milled	10-16	16
Rice, Second Head Milled Parboiled	10-14	13
Rice, Short Grain Brown	10-22	16
Rice, Short Grain Milled	10-16	16
Rice, Short Grain Rough	10-28	18
Rye	8-16	16
Safflower seed	4-14	12
Sunflower seed (Confectionary)	4-28	13
Triticale	8-16	16
NON-STANDARDIZED GRAINS		
Barley, Hulless	8-18	18
Buckwheat	10-19	13
Buckwheat Groats	10-19	13
Oats, Hulless	4-30	19