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**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, DICKEY-john GAC 2700-UGMA, Perten AM 5200-A, and FOSS GAC 2500-C 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 Durum wheat (All Models), for which moisture results will be changed.

To maintain compatibility with state regulatory programs for moisture meters certified for test weight measurements, test weight coefficients were updated for Durum wheat (DICKEY-john/FOSS). Test weight coefficients are combined with moisture coefficients into a single calibration file and the changes for these grains are for test weight only and will not affect moisture results unless otherwise noted above.

This directive also restates all calibrations transmitted in the previous directive dated August 1, 2024.

AMS requires that its official moisture instruments conform to National Type Evaluation Program 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 ©2025.

AMS's 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 (FOSS GAC 2500-C), DICKEY-john GAC 2700-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. The FOSS GAC 2500-C and DICKEY-john GAC 2700-UGMA uses the same calibrations as the DICKEY-john GAC 2500-UGMA. 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.

Additional calibration updates will be issued on August 1, 2025, for Popcorn (All Models), Brown Mustard (All Models) and Yellow Mustard (All Models), for which moisture results will be changed.

To maintain compatibility with state regulatory programs for moisture meters certified for test weight measurements, test weight coefficients were updated for Sorghum (DICKEY-john/FOSS), Medium Grain Rough Rice (All Models), Long Grain Milled Rice (DICKEY-john/FOSS), Medium Grain Milled Rice (Perten), Brown Mustard (Perten), Yellow Mustard (Perten), and Popcorn (Perten). Test weight coefficients are combined with moisture coefficients into a single calibration field and the changes for these grains are for test weight only and will not affect moisture results unless otherwise noted above.

### **3. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

This directive replaces Directive 9180.61, Official Moisture Meter Calibrations, dated, August 1, 2024.

### **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.ams.usda.gov/services/fgis/standardization/moisture-equipment>). Official calibrations and updates to calibrations must be installed on the FOSS GAC 2500-C remotely through the FossManager network software. Please contact FOSS at (952) 974-9892 ext. 3 to request the latest calibration be updated to your GAC 2500-C. All official inspection laboratories shall use these official calibrations for the DICKEY-john GAC 2500-UGMA, DICKEY-john GAC 2700-UGMA, Perten AM 5200-A, and FOSS GAC 2500-C meters for all grains and commodities for official inspections performed on and after May 1, 2025.

### **5. QUESTIONS**

Direct any questions concerning this directive to the Inspection Instrumentation Branch at (816) 702-3800.

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*
<b>NTEP GRAINS</b>				
Barley, Six-rowed	Barley 6Row	BAR 200417	20200415N	May 1, 2020
Barley, Two-rowed	Barley 2Row	BAR 200417	20200415N	May 1, 2020
Corn	Corn	CORN 210414	20200415N	Aug. 1, 2020 (D) Aug. 1, 2021 (P)
Oats	Oats	OATS 240419	20240410N	May 1, 2024
Rice, Long Grain Rough	Rice LG Ruf	LGRR 230415	20230412N	Aug. 1, 2023
Rice, Medium Grain Rough	Rice MG Ruf	MGRR 240419	20220413N	Aug. 1, 2022 (D) Aug. 1, 2024 (P)
Sorghum	Sorghum	SORG 240419	20240410N	Aug. 1, 2024 (D) Aug. 1, 2024 (P)
Soybeans	Soybeans	SOY 220415	20220413N	Aug. 1, 2022
Sunflower seed (Oil-Type)	Sunflower	SFS 220415	20220413N	Aug. 1, 2022
Wheat, Durum	Durum	DURUM 250411	20250409N	May 1, 2025 (D) May 1, 2025 (P)
Wheat, Hard Red Spring	Wheat HRS	WHTH 190415	20200415N	May 1, 2020 (D) May 1, 2019 (P)
Wheat, Hard Red Winter	Wheat HRW	WHTH 190415	20200415N	May 1, 2020 (D) May 1, 2019 (P)
Wheat, Hard White	Wheat HW	WHTH 190415	20200415N	May 1, 2020 (D) May 1, 2019 (P)
Wheat, Soft Red Winter	Wheat SRW	WHTS 200417	20240410N	May 1, 2024 (D) May 1, 2020 (P)
Wheat, Soft White	Wheat SW	WHTS 200417	20240410N	May 1, 2024 (D) May 1, 2020 (P)
<b>NON-NTEP GRAINS</b>				
Beans, Baby Lima	BN Baby Lima	BEAN2 210414	20210414	Aug. 1, 2021
Beans, Black	BN Black	BEAN3 200417	20130501	May 1, 2013 (D) Aug. 1, 2020 (P)
Beans, Blackeye	BN Blackeye	BEAN1 200417	20130501	May 1, 2013 (D) Aug. 1, 2020 (P)
Beans, Cranberry	BN Cranberry	BEAN1 200417	20130501	May 1, 2013 (D) Aug. 1, 2020 (P)
Beans, Kidney	BN Kidney	BEAN5 200417	20180414	Aug. 1, 2018 (D) Aug. 1, 2020 (P)
Beans, Garbanzo	BN Garbanzo	BEAN2 210414	20210414	Aug. 1, 2021

**\*Note: Calibration effective dates with a (D) apply to the DICKY-john GAC 2500-UGMA, DICKY-john GAC 2700-UGMA, and FOSS GAC 2500-C. Dates with a (P) apply to the Perten AM 5200-A, and dates without a (D/P) apply to all models.**

		DICKY-john GAC 2500-UGMA		
Grain/Commodity Name	Displayed Grain Type	Perten AM 5200-A Calibration Version	Calibration Version	Calibration Effective Date*
Beans, Great Northern	BN Grt Nrthn	BEAN3 200417	20220413	Aug. 1, 2022 (D) Aug. 1, 2020(P)
Beans, Large Lima	BN Lrg Lima	BEAN3 200417	20130501	May 1, 2013 (D) Aug. 1, 2020 (P)
Beans, Pea	BN Pea	BEAN4 200417	20130501	May 1, 2013 (D) Aug. 1, 2020 (P)
Beans, Pink	BN Pink	BEAN1 200417	20130501	May 1, 2013 (D) Aug. 1, 2020 (P)
Beans, Pinto	BN Pinto	BEAN1 200417	20170417	Aug. 1, 2017 (D) Aug. 1, 2020 (P)
Beans, Small Red	BN Small Red	BEAN2 210414	20210414	Aug. 1, 2021
Beans, Small White	BN Small Wht	BEAN4 200417	20130501	May 1, 2013 (D) Aug. 1, 2020 (P)
Beans, Yelloweye	BN Yelloweye	BEAN2 210414	20210414	Aug. 1, 2021
Canola	Canola	CANOLA 190415	20190415	Aug. 1, 2019
Flaxseed	Flaxseed	FLAX 140418	20130501	May 1, 2013 (D) Aug. 1, 2014 (P)
Lentils	Lentils	BEAN5 200417	20180414	Aug. 1, 2018 (D) Aug 1, 2020 (P)
Mustard seed, Brown	Mustard Brn	MUSTARD 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Mustard seed, Oriental	Mustard O	OMUSTARD 240419	20130501	May 1, 2013 (D) Aug. 1, 2024 (P)
Mustard seed, Yellow	Mustard Y	MUSTARD 130415	20130501	May 1, 2013
Peas, Mottled	Peas Mottled	PEAS 220415	20200415	Aug. 1, 2020 (D) Aug. 1, 2022 (P)
Peas, Smooth Dry	Peas Smooth	PEAS 220415	20200415	Aug. 1, 2020 (D) Aug. 1, 2022 (P)
Peas, Split	Peas Split	BEAN1 200417	20130501	May 1, 2013 (D) Aug. 1, 2020 (P)
Peas, Wrinkled Dry	Peas Wrinkl'd	PEAS 220415	20200415	Aug. 1, 2020 (D) Aug. 1, 2022 (P)
Popcorn	Popcorn	POPCORN 150420	20150420	Aug. 1, 2015
Rapeseed	Rapeseed	CANOLA 190415	20190415	Aug. 1, 2019
Rice, Brewers Milled	Rice BMR	SMRICE 140418	20140418	Aug. 1, 2014
Rice, Brewers Milled Parboiled	Rice BMRP	PBRICE 210414	20220413	Aug. 1, 2022 (D) Aug. 1, 2021 (P)
Rice, Long Grain Brown	Rice LGBR	BRRICE 140418	20140418	Aug. 1, 2014
Rice, Long Grain Brown Parboiled	Rice LGBRP	PBRICE 210414	20220413	Aug. 1, 2022 (D) Aug. 1, 2021(P)

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		DICKEY-john GAC 2500-UGMA		
Grain/Commodity Name	Displayed Grain Type	Perten AM 5200-A Calibration Version	Calibration Version	Calibration Effective Date*
Rice, Long Grain Milled	Rice LGMR	LMRICE 230415	20230412	Aug. 1, 2023
Rice, Long Grain Milled Parboiled	Rice LGMRP	PBRICE 210414	20220413	Aug. 1, 2022 (D) Aug. 1, 2021 (P)
Rice, Medium Grain Brown	Rice MGBR	BRRICE 140418	20140418	Aug. 1, 2014
Rice, Medium Grain Milled	Rice MGMR	LMRICE 230415	20230412	Aug. 1, 2023
Rice, Medium Grain Milled Parboiled	Rice MGMRP	PBRICE 210414	20220413	Aug. 1, 2022 (D) Aug. 1, 2021 (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 210414	20220413	Aug. 1, 2022 (D) Aug. 1, 2021 (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 190415	20190415	Aug. 1, 2019
Rye	Rye	RYE 230415	20230412	May 1, 2023
Safflower seed	Safflower	SAFFL 240419	20240410	Aug 1, 2024 (D) Aug. 1, 2024 (P)
Sunflower seed (Confectionary)	Sunflwr Conf	SFS 220415	20220413	Aug. 1, 2022
Triticale	Triticale	RYE 230415	20230412	May 1, 2023
<b>NON-STANDARDIZED GRAINS</b>				
Barley, Hulless	Barley Hless	BAR 200417	20200415	May 1, 2020
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 _%
<b>NTEP GRAINS</b>		
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
<b>NON-NTEP GRAINS</b>		
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	18
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	15
Peas, Smooth Dry	6-16	15
Peas, Split	8-20	15
Peas, Wrinkled Dry	6-16	15
Popcorn	10-30	19
Rapeseed	4-14	18
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
<b>NON-STANDARDIZED GRAINS</b>		
Barley, Hulless	8-18	18
Buckwheat	10-19	13
Buckwheat Groats	10-19	13
Oats, Hulless	4-30	19