

# 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 GAC 2100 as the new official moisture meter does not mean that the Agency endorses or recommends this instrument for unofficial purposes over other similar instruments that are not approved for the official system. The Agency's selection of this instrument was based on GIPSA's unique operational needs. Other instrument models may be as or more suitable for a commercial entity's needs.

For any given product, all official moisture measurements will be performed using the GAC 2100 exclusively on and after the transition date for that product; the Motomco Model 919 will be used until the transition date. Transition of all products to the new meter will not be completed until after 1999. Therefore, retain the previous version of this Handbook as a reference for use and testing of the Motomco Model 919.

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