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ASAE (2002). Standards S352.2, 2002, Moisture measurement - unground grain and seeds. ASAE, St. Joseph, MI

## **Internet Sources**

FAO (2013). Classifications and standards. Retrieved in April, 12, 2011 from <http://www.fao.org/economic/ess/ess-standards/en/>

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