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1 Purpose and Scope

1.1 This Standard is intended to provide a uniform method for calculating and expressing the capacity of fertilizer and pesticide hoppers and containers.

2 Dry Hoppers

2.1 Hoppers for dry materials shall be rated volumetrically and gravimetrically, both based on the inside measurements of the hopper, struck level, with the level low enough to permit normal closing of covers.

2.2 The volumetric rating shall be expressed in cubic meters (cubic feet).

2.3 The gravimetric rating shall be expressed in kilograms (pounds). The gravimetric rating shall be calculated by multiplying the volumetric rating by the nominal bulk density of materials for which the hopper is designed. A bulk density value of 1000 kg/m^3 (62 lb/ft^3) shall be used in rating all general-purpose dry fertilizer hoppers and 700 kg/m^3 (43 lb/ft^3) for granular pesticide hoppers.

3 Liquid and Fertilizer Containers

3.1 Liquid fertilizer containers (tanks or hoppers) shall be rated volumetrically and gravimetrically.

3.2 The volumetric rating shall be expressed in liters (U.S. gallons), measured with the container in the same position as occupied during filling by the user.

3.3 The gravimetric rating shall be expressed in kilograms (pounds). The gravimetric rating shall be calculated by multiplying the volumetric rating by the nominal density of the fertilizers for which the container is designed. A density value of 1.2 kg/L (10 lb/U.S. gal) shall be used in rating all general-purpose, liquid fertilizer containers.

4 Liquid Pesticide Tanks

4.1 Liquid pesticide tanks need to be rated volumetrically only.

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