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ASABE Develops Standard for Measuring Percentage of Commingled Grains in Combine Harvest

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN - The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has developed a standard for estimating the amount of commingled grains in a combine harvest.

The ASABE document ANSI/ASABE S598, Procedure for Sampling, Measuring and Reporting Commingled Crop in Combine Harvest of a Subsequent Crop, determines the percentage in a load of harvested grains that are likely to be residue from the crop previously harvested by the same machine. It also recommends acceptable levels of commingled grains that can be expected in commodities harvested by combines that have been thoroughly cleaned and prepared.

Manufacturers, extension personnel, and others will find the standard to be a useful tool for predicting the outcomes of combine clean-out, information that will assist producers in selecting equipment or procedures appropriate for their needs.

A copy of the document can be ordered by contacting ASABE headquarters directly at: martin@asabe.org. ASABE members and those with site-license privileges to the ASABE online Technical Library, at www.asabe.org, can obtain an electronic copy of the standard in about 3 weeks.

ASABE is recognized worldwide as a standards developing organization for food, agricultural, and biological systems, with more than 225 standards currently in publication. Conformance to ASABE standards is voluntary, except where required by state, provincial, or other governmental requirements, and the documents are developed by consensus in accordance with procedures approved by the American National Standards Institute. For information on this or any other ASABE standard, contact Scott Cedarquist at ASABE, 269-932-7031, cedarq@asabe.org. A current listing of all ASABE standards projects can be found on the ASABE web site at <http://www.asabe.org/standards/proposed.html>.

The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers is an educational and scientific organization dedicated to the advancement of engineering applicable to agricultural, food, and biological systems. Founded in 1907 and headquartered in St Joseph, Michigan, ASABE comprises 9,000 members from more than 100 countries. For further information about the Society, or for an electronic copy of this news release, contact Dolores Landeck at ASABE, 269-932-7039, landeck@asabe.org.