

Table 1. Maximum moisture contents for grain harvest and safe storage recommended in the Midwest. (Source: Grain Drying, Handling and Storage handbook, third edition, MWPS-13).

Values for good quality, clean grain and aerated storage. Reduce safe storage moisture content by 1% for poor quality grain.

Grain type	Maximum moisture content, %wb			
	At harvest	Storage period		
		Up to 6 months*	6-12 months**	> 1 yr**
Shelled corn and grain sorghum	30	15	13	13
Soybeans	18	13	12	11
Wheat, barley and oats	20	14	13	12
Flaxseed	15	9	7	7
Canola	14	9	8	8
Sunflower	17	10	8	8
Edible beans	16	16	13	13

*Up to 6 months from harvest refers to storage under winter conditions.

**6-12 months and > 1 year storage refers to storage into the warm summer months.