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Grain Grades and Standards: Historical Issues Shaping the Future. By Lowell D. Hill. Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 1990. Appendices, glossary, indexes. xi + 423 pp. \$39.95.

Two decades worth of research in a wide array of corporate, governmental, and academic literature provides the foundation for Lowell Hill's *Grain Grades and Standards: Historical Issues Shaping the Future*. How much moisture is too much? What does "plump" mean? What is a bushel? These are some of the questions Hill addresses while explaining passage of the Grain Standards Act of 1916 and the ensuing definitional problems associated with its enactment.

The grain industry's adoption of new technologies, the failure of self regulation, and increased federal involvement are also explored in this well-researched analysis of an industry that defies standardization. An analysis of the 1970s and 1980s legislative debate completes an interesting, informative, and well-documented discussion of an ongoing debate.

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