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TABLE OF RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND EQUILIBRIUM MOISTURE CONTENT FOR DRY- AND WET-BULB HYGROMETER

Dry- and wet-bulb hygrometers are extensively used around sawmills and woodworking factories to measure seasoning and storage conditions. The following table is for use in determining relative-humidity and equilibrium-moisture-content (EMC) values from dry- and wet-bulb thermometer readings.

The hygrometer should be placed at the location where information on relative humidity or EMC is desired. It should not be subjected to direct radiation from heating coils or to blasts of hot air from space heaters. However, some air should circulate around the thermometer bulbs. The hygrometer should remain in place for several minutes before readings are taken so as to make certain that true temperatures are obtained. The wick on the wet-bulb thermometer should be clean and the water pure.

Read the two temperatures and subtract the wet-bulb reading from that of the dry bulb. The difference is the wet-bulb depression. On the table, locate the vertical column of figures headed by the appropriate wet-bulb depression and the horizontal row of figures beginning at the extreme left with the observed dry-bulb reading. The figures marking the intersection of these rows give the relative humidity and EMC.

EXAMPLE: Wet-bulb temperature 132° F., dry-bulb temperature 140° F.; the wet-bulb depression is 8° F. The figures marking the intersection of the vertical column for 8° F. wet-bulb depression with the horizontal row beginning with 140° F. at the extreme left are 79 and 13.2. The roman-type 79 is the relative humidity in percent and the italic-type 13.2 is the EMC in percent.

Relative Humidity¹ and Equilibrium Moisture Content² Table for Use With Dry-Bulb Temperatures and Wet-Bulb Depressions

Temperature dry bulb (°F.)	Wet bulb-depression (°F.)																																					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	32	34	36	38	40	45	50	
30	89	78	67	57	46	36	27	17	6																													
35	90	81	72	63	54	45	37	28	19	11	3																											
40	92	83	76	68	60	52	45	37	29	22	15	8																										
45	93	85	78	72	64	56	51	44	37	31	25	19	12	6																								
50	93	86	80	74	68	62	56	50	44	38	32	27	21	16	10																							
55	94	88	82	76	70	65	60	54	49	44	39	34	28	24	19	14																						
60	94	89	83	78	73	68	63	58	53	48	43	39	34	30	26	21	17	13	9	5	1																	
65	95	90	84	80	75	70	66	61	56	52	48	44	39	36	32	27	24	20	16	13	8	6	2															
70	95	90	86	81	77	72	68	64	59	55	51	48	44	40	36	33	29	25	22	19	15	12	9	6	3													
75	95	91	86	82	78	74	70	66	62	58	54	51	47	44	41	37	34	31	28	24	21	18	15	12	10	7	4	1										
80	96	91	87	83	79	75	72	68	64	61	57	54	50	47	44	41	38	35	32	29	26	23	20	18	15	12	10	7	5	3								
85	96	92	88	84	80	76	73	70	66	63	59	56	53	50	47	44	41	38	36	33	30	28	25	23	20	18	15	13	11	9	4							
90	96	92	89	85	81	78	74	71	68	65	61	58	55	52	49	47	44	41	39	36	34	31	29	26	24	22	19	17	15	13	9	5	1					
95	96	92	89	85	82	79	75	72	69	66	63	60	57	55	52	49	46	44	42	39	37	34	32	30	28	26	23	22	20	17	14	10	6	2				
100	96	93	89	86	83	80	77	73	70	68	65	62	59	56	54	51	49	46	44	41	39	37	35	33	30	28	26	24	22	21	17	13	10	7	4			
105	96	93	90	87	83	80	77	74	71	69	66	63	60	58	55	53	50	48	46	44	42	40	37	35	34	31	29	28	26	24	20	17	14	11	8			
110	97	93	90	87	84	81	78	75	73	70	67	65	62	60	57	55	52	50	48	46	44	42	40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	23	20	17	14	11	4		
115	97	93	90	88	85	82	79	76	74	71	68	66	63	61	58	56	54	52	50	48	46	45	43	41	40	38	36	34	32	31	29	26	23	20	17	8	2	
120	97	94	91	88	85	82	80	77	74	72	69	67	65	62	60	58	55	53	51	49	47	45	43	41	40	38	36	34	33	31	28	25	22	19	17	10	5	
125	97	94	91	88	86	83	80	77	75	73	70	68	66	63	61	59	57	55	53	51	48	47	45	43	41	39	38	36	35	33	30	27	24	22	19	13	8	
130	97	94	91	89	86	83	81	78	76	73	71	69	67	64	62	60	58	56	54	52	50	48	47	45	43	41	40	38	37	35	32	29	26	24	21	15	10	
140	97	95	92	89	87	84	82	79	77	75	73	70	68	66	64	62	60	58	56	54	53	51	49	47	46	44	43	41	40	39	35	32	30	27	25	19	14	
150	98	95	92	90	87	85	82	80	78	76	74	70	68	66	64	62	60	58	57	55	53	51	49	48	46	45	43	42	41	39	36	33	30	28	23	18		
160	98	95	93	90	88	86	83	81	79	77	75	71	69	67	65	63	61	59	57	55	53	51	49	47	46	44	43	41	40	38	35	33	31	25	21			
170	98	95	93	91	89	86	84	82	80	78	76	74	72	70	69	67	65	63	62	60	59	57	55	53	52	51	49	48	47	45	43	40	38	35	33	28	24	
180	98	96	94	91	89	87	85	83	81	79	77	75	73	72	70	68	67	65	63	62	60	58	57	55	54	52	51	50	48	47	45	42	40	38	35	30	26	
190	98	96	94	92	90	88	85	84	82	80	78	76	75	73	71	69	68	66	65	63	62	60	58	57	56	54	53	51	50	49	46	44	42	39	37	32	28	
200	98	96	94	92	90	88	86	84	82	80	79	77	75	74	72	70	69	67	66	64	63	61	60	58	57	56	54	53	52	51	48	46	43	41	39	34	30	
210	98	96	94	92	90	88	86	85	83	81	79	78	76	75	73	71	70	68	67	65	64	63	61	60	59	57	56	54	53	52	50	47	45	43	41	36	32	
		17.7	16.0	14.6	13.8	13.0	12.2	11.7	11.1	10.6	10.0	9.7	9.2	8.7	8.2	7.7	7.2	6.7	6.2	5.7	5.2	4.7	4.2	3.7	3.2	2.7	2.2	1.7	1.2	0.7	0.2							

¹ Relative humidity values in roman type.
² Equilibrium moisture content values in italic type.