

Title Immediate and latent drying effects of bean seeds harvested with different moisture levels.
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Abstract

A study was conducted to evaluate the immediate and latent effects of drying temperature and crop moisture content on germination, vigour and breakage-susceptibility of bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* cv. Ouro Negro) seeds. The results showed that the physiological quality and breakage-susceptibility of the seeds are inversely related to temperature and crop moisture content. These effects can be observed immediately after drying, and after 6 months of storage at non-controlled environmental conditions.