

Practical tips – drying grain

- When storing grains, they should be completely dry. Otherwise mould and disease can develop.
- A simple test is to check by biting on the grains. A very sharp cracking sound between the teeth is a sign that the seed is dry enough to be stored.
- Well dried grains in good stores should stay in good condition for a year. Storing grains in cool granaries or store-rooms helps to lessen the risk of damage due to any dampness that may remain in the grain.
- Avoid the build-up of pests, either through leaving grains to dry in the field or by leaving the leaves and stalks attached.
- The diagrams show three methods of drying grains. Methods B and C use plastic sheeting which will protect the grains at night or before rain.

