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[54] **METHOD OF MAKING A HEMICELLULOSE COATED DIETARY FIBER**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A composition of matter comprising an insoluble dietary fiber material coated with hemicellulose is provided. In preferred embodiments, the insoluble dietary fiber material and hemicellulose are derived from grain hulls. The weight ratio of insoluble dietary fiber material to hemicellulose is generally greater than about 1:1. Also provided is a method of coating an insoluble dietary fiber material with a hemicellulose. Preferred embodiments employ a fluidized bed technique to obtain the coating of hemicellulose.

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