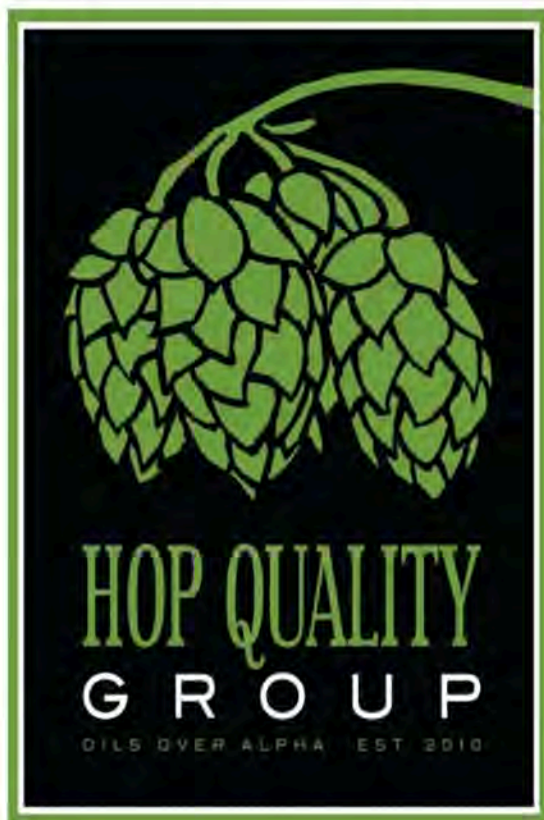


HQG Visit Date:	8/24/23
Farm/Facility:	Van Horn Farms
Picker Name & Grower Number(s):	WA411
Grower Name & Phone:	Rich Van Horn, Tim Gamache
Physical Address of Farm/Facility:	561 Desmarais Rd, Moxee, WA, 98936
Email Address:	rich@vanhornfarms.com
Picker Type(s) & Description:	Dauenhauer
Merchant Partners/Direct/Both?	Merchant

HQG Attendee & Brewery	
Jeremy Moynier – Stone Brewing	Sam Pecoraro – Von Ebert Brewing
Joe Mohrfeld – Pinthouse Brewing	Zach Baitinger – New Belgium Brewing
Krystal Angelo – Pinthouse Brewing	Pete Venegas - YCH
Aaron Inkrott – St. Arnold Brewing	Steve Lonneman - YCH



Operations Description:

Picker: Old Dauenhauer. New spirals put in this year. Nice guards. Clean. Window without a screen. Open conveyance. Vey nice netting around Picker sides and entrances – wish more farms would do this! 2 magnets in Picker.
Kiln: insulation looks good. Very clean in kiln.
Conditioning/Baler. Nice conveyor. 2 magnets in before Baler. Did hear a lot of bird noises while in the conditioning room.
Other: Rich Van Horn was unable to attend so Tim Gamache walked us through. They have cold storage with a capacity for 220 bales. They have solar panels. Use all local labor. Safety Manager was also present and they had records and other documentation to present to us if asked. Everything around the facility is either cement or blacktop which is so much better for bringing in hops and not dragging in gravel, rocks, etc. Great signage throughout facility. Good attention to safety with steps painted, foam or paint for head bump potential, etc. Nice covered lights throughout facility. Very nice chemical storage areas. They have a shipping container with tools, etc so good organization.

Areas of Concern:

Walkways over open conveyance.
In Picker, there were some nails sticking out of a board on the wall: safety hazard.
In Picker, there was a window without a screen.
Bird noises in conditioning room.

Improvements since last HQG visit (if applicable):

HQG last visited in 2018.
Spirals put in for bine loading at Dauenhauer.
Added in some new structures, office, etc.
Organization was solid in the past but they keep improving and taking it to a higher level.

Recommendations:

Install kick plates/enforce walkways that are over hops to mitigate the possibility of foreign material falling into hops. **4 days after our visit, I received 2 pictures from Pete that Tim sent him showing they enclosed the stairs over the green belt! We appreciate you taking our suggestion and implementing it so fast! (see last two pictures at end of report).
Remove or nail in nails that were sticking out from wall in Picker for safety.
Screen all windows. Generally, this facility has screened, netted and enclosed most areas to avoid pests, birds, etc from getting into processing areas. We know birds are relentless and did hear some bird noises in the conditioning room so perhaps there's some spots there where they are sneaking in but appreciate your ongoing battle to mitigate birds.
Insulation on ceiling looks like it's in good shape. Continue to monitor as we have seen this type of material tear and droop over time at other facilities and can fall into hops.
Wooden scoops for scooping up hops looks like are in good shape. Make sure to inspect regularly to ensure wood doesn't shave off and get into hops. Maybe at some point use another type of material?

Additional Comments:

What hop varieties are grown? Acreage?

- 540 acres. Took a 18% reduction this year. Cascade, Chinook, Simcoe, Citra, Ekuanot.

Does Grower plan any major upgrades in the near future?

- N/A.

Does Grower operate multiple facilities? If yes, how many? Facility names and locations (grower numbers)?

- No.

Does Grower custom pick for anyone else? If yes, who?

- No.

What certifications does the grower possess, if any?

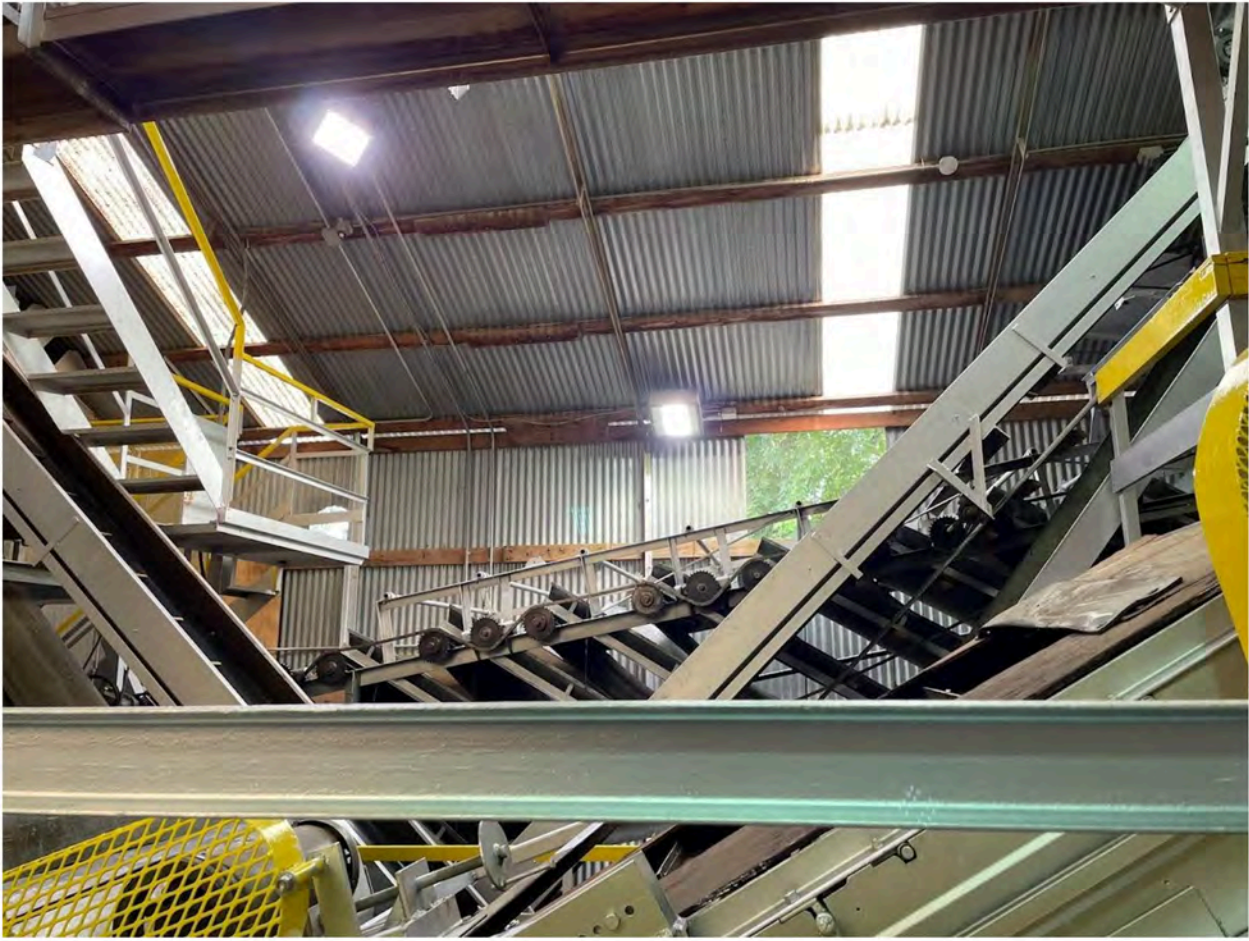
- Green Chief: Rich has scored a 60.5 out of 65 which is a Green Chief Gold Medal.

Additional Comments about the operation?

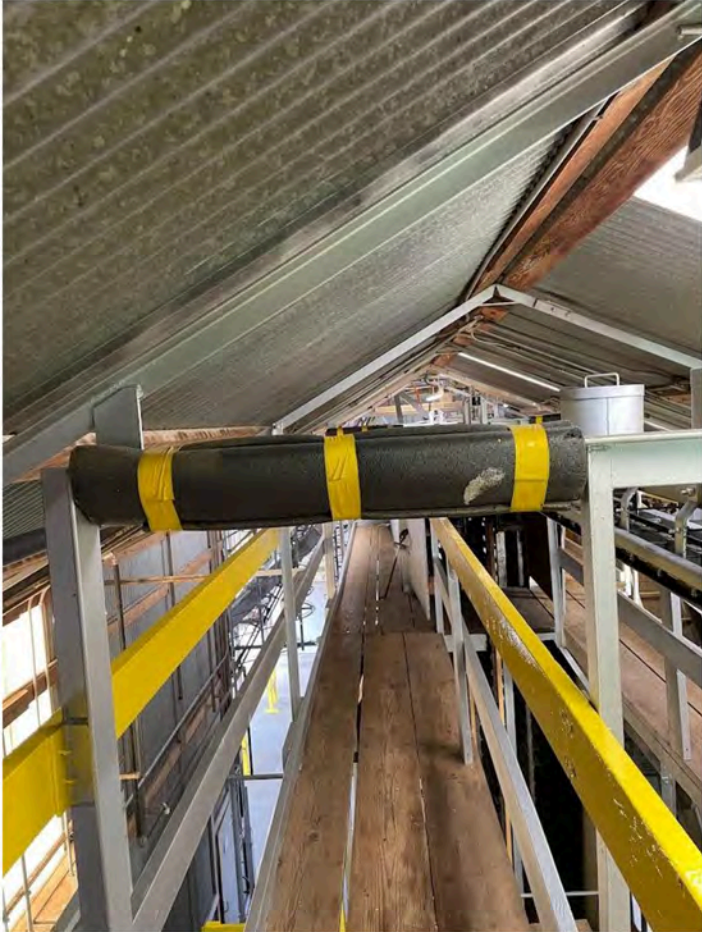
- HQG has visited this farm several times and there are always upgrades and improvements. The facility looks great and is very, very clean. There's a lot of attention to detail and drive for sanitation, safety, and good practices. We appreciate your commitment to producing quality hops and letting us come once again to visit. We really appreciate you acting on our suggestion so quickly with the open conveyance. Rich: we were sorry you were unable to be present but Tim did a great walk through with us. We hope harvest went well for you and look forward to visiting again in the future. Cheers!











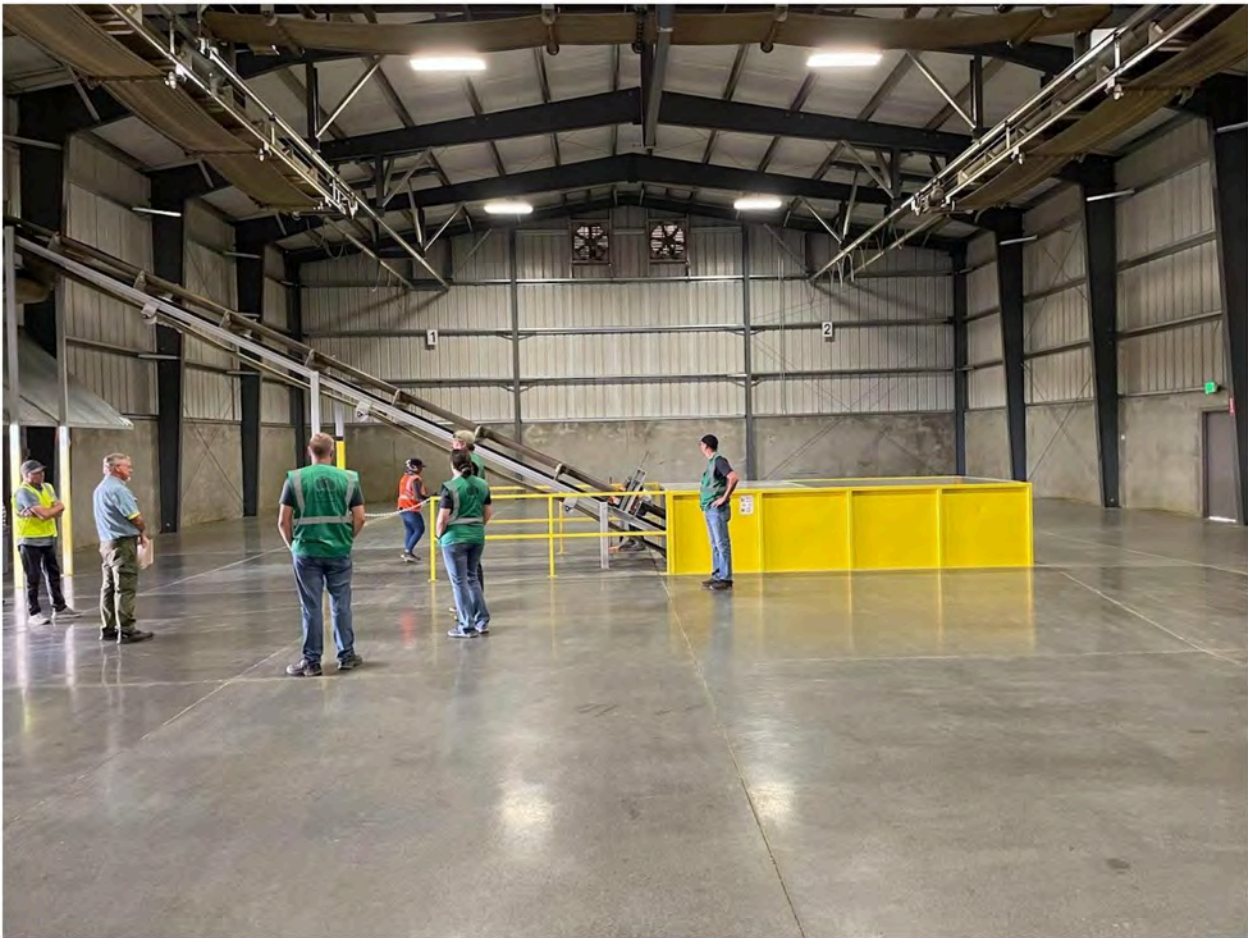


















Work done after our visit to fill in stairs above hops:



