



HQG Visit Date:	7/20/23
Farm/Facility:	Mckay Farms
Picker Name & Grower Number(s):	Mckay -
Grower Name & Phone:	Mark Mckay
Physical Address of Farm/Facility:	5400 Halls Ferry Rd. Independence, OR 97351
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Picker Type(s) & Description:	Daunhaur
Merchant Partners/Direct/Both?	Haas?

HQG Attendee & Brewery	Cole Hackbarth – Rhinegeist
Jamie Floyd – Ninkasi	Will Crosby – Surly
Daniel Sharp – Ninkasi	Ben Smith - Surly
Grant – Deschutes	Sam Pecoraro – Von Ebert
Scott Birdwell - Deschutes	

Operations Description:

Single Daunhaur picker with multiple cleaner sections and dribble belts. Natural gas burners.

Areas of Concern:

Evidence of Bird nesting in picker house. Bird droppings on dribble belts. This visit occurred prior to pre harvest clean up. Some bird ingress into kiln area. Belts need lupulin cleaned off of them.

Improvements since last HQG visit (if applicable):

Installed new hoptech in kiln floor 1. Works so well they are adding them to rest of the floors. Big Ass Fan above kiln 1 that helps move air back down through bed after moisture comes out. Steel floors in picker. New E stops in picker, upgraded all the drives to gear box drives (no chains) and standardized motors.
They also swapped out all of the fans in the pickers two years ago. Top track was replaced three years ago. Trash conveyor pans are new for this season. Shaker tables were redone to shake versus using piston.
All LEDs in facility.
All metal bakers and new load cells for bakers. New caster wheel on belt beds. New trailers for harvest.

Recommendations:

Fix areas where birds can get into kiln. Keep picker area closed off during and inspected during offseason to keep birds from nesting.

Additional Comments:

What hop varieties are grown? Acreage?

- 450 acres of hops in 2023. 600 acre farm. Cascade, Chinook, Willamette, Centennial, USDA 033, Vista?

Does Grower plan any major upgrades in the near future?

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

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

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What certifications does the grower possess, if any?

- Global gap, Farm Sustainability Certification

Additional Comments about the operation?

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