

***Our mission: To continuously improve
the sanitation and quality of hops
used in the brewing and cellaring of great beers.***



Date	13 August, 2015
Location	B & D Farms, Oregon (Old Haas Farm location)
Purpose	Pre-Harvest Quality Visit

Attendees:	
Austin Smith	
Zach Smith	Larry Sidor – Crux Fermentation
Dave Smith	Jim Kelter – Full Sail
Bill Delema – John I. Haas	Val Peacock - HQG
Scott Dorsch – Odell Brewing	Randy Thiel – New Glarus

Operations Description

The older picker building has an open front, but would be easy to enclose. There is a plan to replace this building. There is a lot of torn insulation in the ceiling of this building. Bird-proofing being updated. The 2nd picker building is more modern. It is partially enclosed.

The old kiln building has had much of the ceiling insulation removed. Burner air intakes are outside the building. Bird screening seems adequate.

The baling area has blown insulation in the ceiling. It is difficult to tell if any is falling into the hops below.

Areas of Concern

Two bird nests found in picking areas in the ceiling trusses – though there was little other evidence of bird infestation.

Most of the baling area appears bird-free, but there is some bird residue in the rafters above the baler. How old this is, is hard to say.

Recommendations

Remove bird nests from the picking areas and improve bird control over the winter.
Keep an eye on the blown insulation in the baling area. Is it flaking off and falling to the floor over the winter? If yes, how can this be remedied?

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on our commitment to quality hops for great beers.***