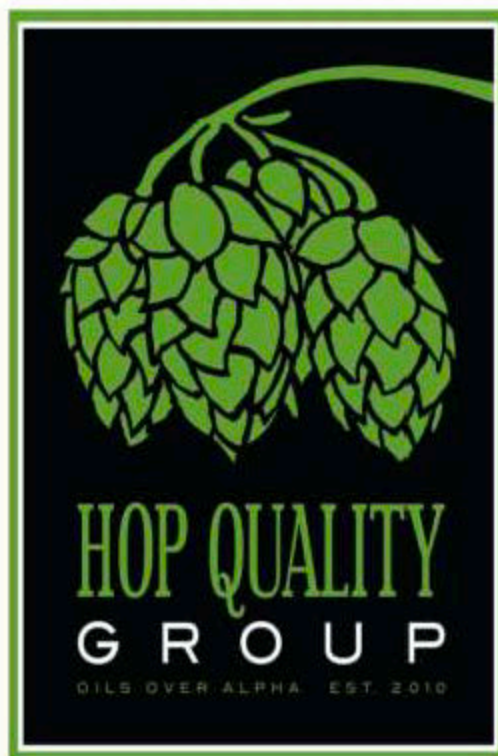


HQG Visit Date:	7/18/19
Farm/Facility:	Capitol Farms
Picker Name & Grower Number(s):	Grower # 204
Grower Name & Phone:	Andy Kerr - 503.930.7700
Physical Address of Farm/Facility:	9015 Windsor Island Road N, Salem, OR 97303
Email Address:	andyk@capitolfarms.com
Picker Type(s) & Description:	Dauenhauer (1978) VG 78-103
Merchant Partners/Direct/Both?	Steiner, YCH & Haas



HQG Attendee & Brewery	
Daniel Sharp – Ninkasi	Jamie Floyd – Ninkasi
Layton Cutler – Boston Beer	Jesse Federici – Boston Beer
Derek Stepanski – Bell’s	Scott Birdwell – Deschutes

Operations Description:

170 acres of hops. Employee 30 people year-round. Also have hazelnuts.
Conventional farming techniques, interesting planting pattern to reduce weeds. Mostly growing Nugget.
Day and night hop harvesting.
1978 Dauenhauer, gas dryer, wood floors on kiln deck. Open picker; cleaning procedures to remove any issues.
Capitol Farms has a preharvest SOP/checklist.
Hop drying logs for fields and traceability.

Areas of Concern:

Uncovered conveyer between picker & kiln.
Limited signage.
Some non shatterproof bulbs in picker, cooling room and kiln.
Fall protection for cooling room pit?
No documentation for pest control.
Some bird nests in baling room.

Improvements since last HQG visit (if applicable):

2015 comments. All equipment is pre/post-harvest pressure washed. Per Andy, can't bird proof some areas. Also, bird screening in baling area is improved. Shatter proof lights are planned/scheduled (almost complete).

Recommendations:

Document Pest Control actions; perhaps have a guest sign in area.
Recommend booties for cooling room workers.
Install covered conveyance between picker and kiln.
Install fall protection barrier for cooling room hop chute.
Eliminate all bird nests; install netting to eliminate bird egress.
Replace all in one sewing machine oil with white oil or remove from baling area.
Consider adding more picker guarding to cover all exposed moving parts.

Additional Comments:

What hop varieties are grown? Acreage? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ~170 acres of Nugget, Cascade
Does Grower plan any major upgrades in the near future?
Does Grower operate multiple facilities? If yes, how many? Facility names and locations (grower numbers)? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No
Does Grower custom pick for anyone else? If yes, who? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No
What certifications does the grower possess, if any? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salmon Safe, Green Chief
Additional Comments about the operation? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Although preharvest – extensive cleaning is needed.

Previously visited in 2013 and 8/14/2015. Comments from 2015 visit to Capitol Farms.

1. Improve and/or repair bird netting in the front end of the picking building. Block or screen holes where birds & bats can enter.
2. Update the bird screening in the area where the baler is operated. There are some obvious holes where birds can enter. Block the hole where the conveyor from the picker enters.
3. Shatter-proof lights should be installed in the drying area. (planned for 2019)