

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



Date	14 August, 2015
Location	Capitol Farms, Oregon
Purpose	Pre-Harvest Quality Visit

Attendees:	
Andy Kerr	Matt Henneous - Deschutes
Mike Kerr	Larry Sidor – Crux Fermentation
Cole Provence - YCHhops	Val Peacock - HQG
Scott Dorsch – Odell Brewing	Randy Thiel – New Glarus

Operations Description

This is a 100+ year-old facility, but well kept up. Services 150 acres.
Picking facility does not have the front end enclosed and bird proofing is not adequate.
The drying building has a wooden roof with no insulation. Bird protection is good.
Wood floors in the cooling/baling area are in good shape. The baling area below was in generally good shape, except for a dead bird on the floor. Bird screening needs some attention.

Areas of Concern

The picking facility is not well sealed to keep out birds and other pests. A bat was seen inside the building during the visit!
Most of the baling area appears bird-free, but the body count demonstrates some improvement is in order.
Considering how old the facility is, it is in remarkably good condition.

Recommendations

Improve and/or repair bird netting in the front end of the picking building. Block or screen holes where birds & bats can enter.
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.
Shatter-proof lights should be installed in the drying area.

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