

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

Date	10 August, 2018
Location	Fobert Farms, Hubbard Oregon
Purpose	Pre-Harvest Quality Visit

Attendees:	Mat Olive (Ninkasi Brewing)
Jon Clack (Steinner)	Ryan Kern (Deschutes)
Fobert family	Kyle Matthias (Deschutes)
Daniel Sharp (Ninkasi Brewing)	Jeff Johnson (Deschutes)
Jamie Floyd (Ninkasi Brewing)	Matt Gallagher (Deschutes)

## Operations Description

 $4^{ t h}$  generation family owned farm. Grow experimentals for HRC, John Henning, and others.

Very Clean, facility, with fully enclosed picker building. Daunhauer Picker, gas burners.

The Foberts seem to have thought of worker safety, ergonomics, and the hop quality during the picking process. Described envisioned future state of the picker with all stainless hop-contacting surfaces, and the rock trap leading into the picker.

LED lights, some SS contact surfaces installed in picker, color coded hangers, raised equipment in picker above head height to minimize head injuries. Fully enclosed transfer belt from picker to kiln house.

## Areas of Concern

No areas of concern. Very clean.

Plastic bottles and much unneeded clutter in the picker building. Paint containers, unlabelled containers, old furniture & machine parts in areas near and above machinery.

## Recommendations

None	at this time.