

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



Date	10 August, 2015
Location	Goschie Farms, Oregon
Purpose	Pre-Harvest Quality Visit

Attendees:	
Gayle Goschie	
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Operations Description

Newly expanded, completely enclosed picker building.
The drying area is well maintained with no evidence of bird activity.
Cooling/conditioning area uses PVC pipe to blow air through hops. The area is orderly and there is no evidence of vehicle fluids on the floors.
The baling area has plywood walls and these show some splintering from mechanical wear.
An old farm building close to the harvest operations has been converted to a break area for workers. This should work well to keep food & drink from processing areas.

Areas of Concern

History of bats in the baling area. A permanent solution to keeping them out should be found.
One of the hop dealers has gotten complaints from a Japanese brewer about pieces of wood in hop pellets. Splintered plywood on walls of baling areas is a suspected source at many farms.

Recommendations

Consider mounting metal rails on the problem plywood walls at a level that would protect them from mechanical damage by vehicles or other equipment.

***The Hop Quality Group thanks you for the privilege of working together
on our commitment to quality hops for great beers.***