

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



Date	19 August, 2014
Location	Leo Gasseling, Washington
Purpose	Pre-Harvest Quality Visit

Attendees:	Val Peacock – Hop Quality Group
Brad, Ken & Darren Gasseling	Jason Pond - Firestone Walker
Bob Mondor – John I. Haas	Zach Bodah – Allagash Brewing
David Del Moro – John I. Haas	Christian Holbrook – New Belgium Brewing

Operations Description

Two parallel picking & drying facilities here, in separate buildings, both are served by the same baling area.

Areas of Concern

There is torn and drooping insulation in the roof of the newer drier building.

There was a bird nest in the baling area.

The old picker is messy, cluttered and dirty. There is an unsecured walkway that traverses the arm pickers behind the Dauenhauer. Looks unsafe!

Recommendations

Repair or remove loose insulation in the roof of the newer drying facility. Falling insulation should not end up in the hops.

Make buildings more bird tight and check during the off-season to assure birds are not nesting in the buildings.

The old picker facility is messy and cluttered. Unneeded items should be removed and the general messiness cleaned up.

Secure the unsecured walkway over the arm picker.

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