

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



<b>Date</b>	18 August, 2015
<b>Location</b>	Marc Desmarais, Washington
<b>Purpose</b>	Pre-Harvest Quality Visit

<b>Attendees:</b>	
Marc Demarais	Zack Baitinger – New Belgium
Kevin Madsen - Steiner	Sam Tierney - Firestone
Jeremy Moynier – Stone	Ryan Schmiege - Deschutes
Andrew Ety - Brooklyn	Patrick Chavanelle - Allagash

### **Operations Description**

Facility is older – build in the 1950's. The picking facility is open and not bird tight.  
Wooden kiln with raw wood rafters – some with bark. Not sealed as well as it should be.  
Cooling area also not bird tight – but no evidence of birds.

### **Areas of Concern**

Most of the buildings are not adequately protected from birds.  
Many of the lights are not shatterproof.  
Loose material on beams in kiln can fall into hops.

### **Recommendations**

Put bird netting in the front of the picker. Block or screen all other holes where birds can enter. Block or screen all the holes where birds can enter in the rest of the facility.  
Install shatterproof lights throughout the facility.  
Scrape or sand off loose material on the rafters in kiln.

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