

Hop Quality Group Farm Report

2016



Date: August 3rd, 2016

Location: Michigan Hop Alliance

Purpose: Pre-Harvest Quality Visit

Attendees: Derek Stepanski – Bell's
Alec Mull – Founders
Brian Tennis – Michigan Hop Alliance
Rob Serrine – Michigan State Extension

Operations Description: Picking, Kilning, and pelletizing is all in one pole barn. The facility is completely enclosed. Some areas were under minor construction. The picker was a 40 year old Wolf and could process 500 to 600 pounds per hour. The pellet mill is a New Buzzkirk 20 hp with shaker table. They do not use magnets. Target pellet temp is 102 F.

Areas of Concern: There is a small amount of clutter throughout the building. Magnets are not being used throughout the process. There is an area that is designated for a breakroom to be built and having a separate room for the employees to take a break is encouraged. Confirming that all lighting is explosion proof.

Recommendations: Clean up all clutter throughout the building. Add magnets to Wolf Picker as well as to the pelletizer. Complete the buildout of the breakroom. Overall the facility looked great and clean. There was no evidence of birds or other pest.







Verify lights are explosion proof

Small amount of clutter



Area designated for breakroom





