

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	Oasis Farms Inc., Washington
Purpose	Pre-Harvest Quality Visit

Attendees:	Val Peacock – Hop Quality Group
Derek Hill	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

Older facility with the front end of the picker in the open.		
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Areas of Concern

The picker is not enclosed during the off-season and birds are most definitely a problem.	
Some unlabelled bottles were in the picker area.	
Some evidence of birds entering the drying area and screens in need of repair.	
Some grease/lube from the conveyors built over the drying beds is visible on the floors of the beds.	
this happening to the hops when they are in the kiln?	

Recommendations

Make buildings more bird tight and check during the off-season to assure no birds are nesting in the areas.	
Label containers in the production areas.	