

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



Date	8/22/2017
Location	Stan Brulotte Farms (Loza Farms)
Purpose	Pre-Harvest Quality Visit

Attendees:	Derek Stepanski – Bell's
Thomas Tweedy - Stone	Todd Roseman – Boston
Larry Bolender – Boston	Ian Smith – Alagash
Dave Tobin – Hopsteiner	Kevin Madsen – Hopsteiner
Leon Loza – Loza Farms	Junior Loza – Loza Farms

Operations Description

The property has new office space and break room space that is separate from the production area. The farm 350 acres of hops. They keep their baling room clean and free from debris. They require different shoes to enter their conditioning room. The picker was in operation but look clean and well maintained. They have an 18 person crew onsite for pre-harvest cleaning and prep. Tractors do not enter the front of the pickers. They use a boom fork lift to reach in and drop the hops at the front of the picker. Magnets are in place and checked 6 times per day.

Areas of Concern

This is a food safe facility. They use only food grade lubricants. They have magnets throughout the process. Break room and restrooms are separate from processing space. All lights were acceptable. Bird netting was well maintained. The facility looks to be well maintained and has made many improvements since our last visit.

Recommendations

This hop processing facility well organized. Make sure all containers and buckets are clearly labeled. Make sure all garbage cans have lids. A new solution for the area where the box fans are used would be good. Make sure all fire extinguishers are accessible. Be sure to install all safety railings before operation starts. Other than these minor issues this farms is in good shape. We have seen a lot of improvements since 2011: we really appreciate your efforts and it really shows your commitment to quality. Great job!

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