

# Hop Quality Group Farm Report

2017



Date: July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Location: Top Hops

Purpose: Pre-Harvest Quality Visit

Attendees: Derek Stepanski – Bell’s

Alec Mull – Founders

Sean – Top Hops

Mark – Top Hops

PJ – Top Hops

David – Top Hops

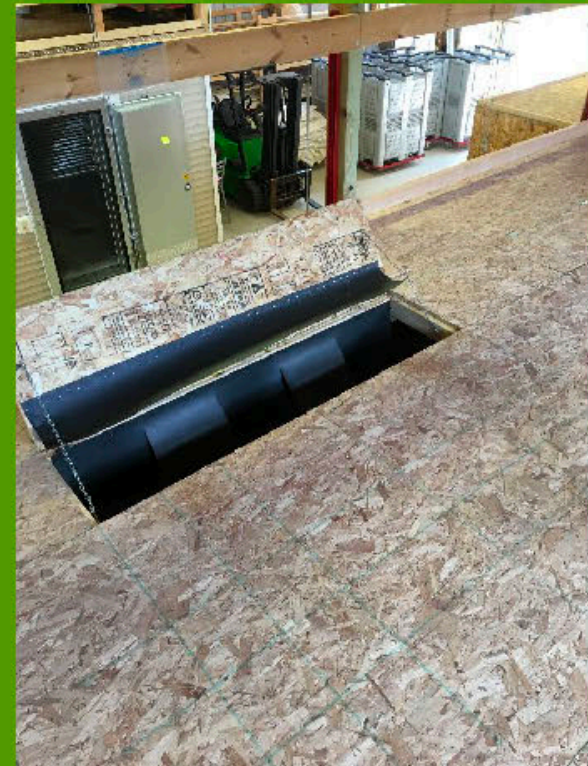
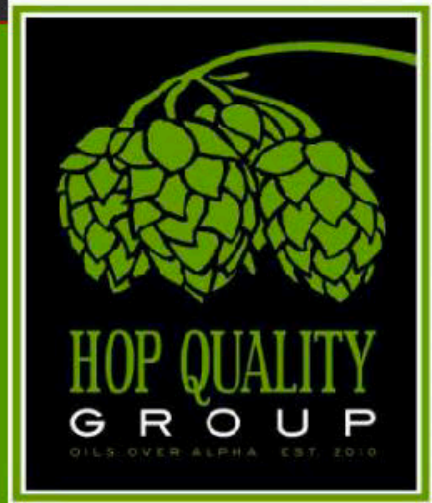
Operations Description: The property has a new picking barn. They are using a Wolf (160 ?) for picking. The kilning, Conditioning, and pelletizing is in a separate barn. They run their kiln at 100 F for 16 hours and also use dehumidification in their drying process. They have 2 kilning beds. Each kilning bed holds about 1200 pounds of dried hops. They are conditioning in the kiln and then they go straight to the baler. Their baler makes 40 pound bales. They have a small pellet mill with an upper control limit of 116 F.

Areas of Concern: This is a food safe facility. They use only food grade lubricants. There is good pest control inside and only found one spot near the entrance to their kiln that had a bird nest. Their break room area needs to be separate from processing space.

Recommendations: This hop processing facility is new and well organized. All lights are explosion proof. The only recommendations at this time are to provide a break and eating area separate from the processing area. Also make sure pest control inside and outside is a focus. Overall this is a great processing facility.









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