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Grain Management Services

PREPARING FOR HARVEST

Pursuing grain quality and the economic value of the grain begins long before the first acre is ever harvested..... This pre-harvest activity is to prepare grain harvesting, handling and storage equipment and structures for the soon to be harvested corn and soybeans.

Everything that touches the grain should be cleaned of last years harvest. Remove all traces of old grain from combines, combine heads, truck beds, grain carts, augers, lift buckets, grain pits, grain driers, bins and any other equipment used for harvesting, transporting, and handling grain. Even the smallest amount of moldy and/or insect-infested grain left in equipment can contaminate a bin of new grain.

Pay extra attention to your grain bins. Sweep down sides to remove any remaining dust or crusting. Sweep or vacuum the floor. Clean fans, aeration ducts, exhausts, and when possible, beneath slotted floors. Do not forget the outside of the storage area as well. Remove any grass and weeds against the grain bins as well as any spilled grain. Once thoroughly cleaned inspect the structure for any leaks or holes that insects, birds or rodents can gain access.

NOTE: New grain should **NEVER** be stored on top of grain from a previous seasons harvest and **ALWAYS** practice safety first!

Use the wireless
Temperature / Humidity Switch
to reach optimum market moisture
in your grain.



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