

Proximity Malt Summer Update

Pilot Facility:

Our pilot malting has been installed in our Collaboration Center in Milwaukee. We will be using the pilot to do some testing to determine recipes and procedures for the new malthouses, to calibrate between the different plants, and for research and development, both of new malting varieties as well as new products down the road.

We will start our crop evaluations in the pilot once the barley shows that any dormancy has been broken, probably around the end of August. Samples of different varieties and products will be forthcoming.

Our malt analysis lab will also be operational at this time.



Plant Construction:

We are going vertical! Bins are up for both barley and malt and conveyors and bridges are being connected. The Germination Kilning Vessels (GKV) are in the midst of construction. Walls are up and the interior structures are being built, that will eventually support the slotted vessel bottoms. The steep foundation has been poured and is ready for construction. Machinery continues to arrive on site and is waiting for installation. The goal will be to enclose the machinery by the end of fall, and continue the connections through winter. Commissioning will begin in early 2017.

Barley Harvest in Colorado:

At this point, we are waiting for the harvest to be completed in the San Luis Valley. We have had some progress with the production contracted in the Front Range, with very good yields, little disease noted and good preliminary barley quality noted.

This year, we planted commercial fields of Genie to see how that variety works in the valley. We also did some strip trials with the newer varieties of Concerto, Westminster and Odyssey to see the differences in agronomic performance, and will see how they malt, and ultimately, taste. We will have enough production to run pilot trials of each variety later this fall, and will have some samples available for pilot brewing.

Note that the photos were taken during our Field Forward day in Monte Vista on August 4th, and the weather didn't fully cooperate.



Field Forward Day in
Monte Vista, Aug 4, 2016



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