

RIVER RANCH IN MABTON, WASHINGTON  
| COMPANY UPDATE |



River Ranch is the newest of four hop farms owned and operated by Hopsteiner under its subsidiary firm Golden Gate Hop Ranches. The farm was constructed as a means to service additional acreage for proprietary varieties and optimize processing...and optimize it has.



River Ranch has an operating capacity of three standard picking machines and can service multiple combines at one time with its three unloading bays. River Ranch is streamlined from the bottom up for increased productivity and food safety, offering fully enclosed product conveyers and stainless steel construction. The design of the facility allows for hop cones harvested in the field to skip the picking process and be sent directly to the kiln conveyor in order to avoid damage to the already picked cones.



New this season was an additional hop kiln with automated fans and burner configurations paired to balance air delivery for drying hops. Advanced monitoring arms read temperature and moisture levels to help regulate applied air from fans, ensuring an even temperature across each hop bed. In addition is an automated storage bin mechanism that will be used to regulate moisture levels, improve baling processes, and ensure product quality.

River Ranch hop farm grows many public and proprietary varieties to satisfy demand of both alpha and aroma varieties including: Apollo, Super Galena, Eureka, Lemondrop, Denali, and X04190. Hopsteiner is one of the foremost international hop growing, trading, breeding, and processing firms in the world.

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