

# Quality GRAIN SERVICES

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## Quality Grain Services News

Harvest is finally coming to an end and it's already the beginning of April! This season we managed to dry a record number of bushels here at Quality Grain Services. Of the 1,730,000 bushels we took in, we dried more than 1,500,000 bushels of corn with a moisture level of 25 percent, and 230,000 bushels of soybeans at an average moisture of 16.7 percent. Based on numbers alone, we can see that this season was a challenge, to say the least. However, even though we were confronted with a few difficulties, we did everything possible to keep things running as fast and as smoothly as possible here at QGS. This has been the first season we were required to close down the facility for a few days at a time in order to catch back up with the dryer, so while we're sure this was a huge inconvenience for many of our customers, we simply had no other options. We would like to take a moment to assure you that we will do everything possible to avoid having to resort to closing down for periods of time in the future.

As many of you know, we had another huge pile of corn on the ground outside of the bins again this season. While some of you may be concerned about how this affects the quality of the corn, we have made extra efforts to assure the quality of the corn is maintained while it is in the pile. Part of these efforts include putting 24-inch tubes under the pile to allow us to continuously ventilate it and maintain the corn's quality. All of our efforts have paid off, and the pile is now cleared up and we are happy to report that there was no damage done to the corn.

It has been quite a spring, and we have had a lot of corn come in off the fields. Due to all the combining that is being done this spring, this will be the first year we are on the full-side in the middle of April!

Also, this January the state did their annual grain audit. Everything came out the way it needed to, so we passed with flying colors! The state performs yearly spot checks, so we never know when they are going to show up at our facility, but it is required for our state licenses. We are glad that everything came out well with the state audit, as this should give our customers the confidence to continue to do their business with Quality Grain Services.

One last thing we would like to mention is that we are no longer going to be offering large square bailing. There hasn't been enough demand for us to continue to keep the bailer on hand, so we have found it more economical to discontinue this service. However, we would like to thank everyone who has taken advantage of our large square bailing services in the past.

