

Pelletizing hops with a 9" Red (Wood) Electric 220V three-phase Pellet Mill with a 220v single-phase Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)

Hello PelletMasters,

I know we have been calling you with lots of questions over the past few weeks, and I wanted to let you know that we finally got the pellet master to work! Hurray!

Here is some of what we have learned over the past weeks that might help you to help other folks wanting to pelletize hops...

1) In order to get a quality hop pellet, you need the pellet die to be cool - however, to get the pellets to begin coming out, you need to get that die heated up. Plan on scorching some hops at the beginning of each day's run, knowing that you will be pitching them! Once the pellets start coming out, you can turn the variable speed down, and begin adding the liquid N.

2) Do not keep any pellets that are black, or partially black. These are the scorched ones and will negatively affect the quality of the hops.

3) Turning down the variable frequency and adding the liquid N will allow die will go down to a temp within the stated limit for hops - (under 113 F), but the hop pellets coming out of the machine will be somewhere around 130F. If it is not that hot coming out, the pellet will not be able to stay together.

4) Just as an FYI, it is necessary to cool off the hops (cure them) before they are packaged.

5) At the end of a work session with the pellet machine, the die can be cleaned with a pressure washer that has hot water.

Thank you for your patience with us as we phoned you and yelled, "HELP"!! We appreciate your willingness to be supportive, and are delighted with the product we are now getting from the pellet machine.

I have some photos to share with you, but will send them from my phone.

Thanks again, and have a blessed day!

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