Corn Vs pellets
Posted by Rickh - 24 Jan 2013 19:02

Hi, I need some advice on whether to use corn or pellets. I live in Cincinnati and corn is $7.45 bu, pellets are $205 ton about $4.50 bag(50 - 40lb bags). I am getting ready to take my corn vac system down and just use pellets for they appear to be cheaper to use. Before I do, do you think the BTUs of corn justifys the cost as compared to the pellets? thanks

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Re: Corn Vs pellets
Posted by Rickh - 24 Jan 2013 19:20

As an alternative to corn, does anyone burn cherry pits and can they be used like corn with the corn vac system? thanks

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Re: Corn Vs pellets
Posted by blume98 - 24 Jan 2013 22:51

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i like corn better, cherry pits suck, very dirty,remember corn has 56 lb in a bushel, not a lot of difference in heating season

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Re: Corn Vs pellets
Posted by craigc - 24 Jan 2013 23:49

Hey Rick,

Hope you're doing well. This is your neighbor/friend across town. Craig C.

Where are you getting pellets for $205.

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Re: Corn Vs pellets
Posted by Nogas - 25 Jan 2013 01:00

Hey Rick, ditto on Craig C. on the where are you getting pellets from??? I get mine at Menards in Hamilton for $179 a ton for Somersets. Sure hope those are super premium for that price.

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Re: Corn Vs pellets
Posted by RSorjanen - 25 Jan 2013 11:47

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I personally like burning corn better than pellets. Next year I will most likely will burn mostly corn. I use my stove to save some money but most importantly to have better heat in the house. My place is only about 1000 sf. Even running corn at around $400.00 a ton is still cheaper than oil and propane. I have also noticed that allergies are acting up less with the stove.

just my 2 cents worth

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Re: Corn Vs pellets
Posted by DOLLARBILL - 25 Jan 2013 12:32

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here in Maine for 5/6 years Corn was cheap and the Main Reason i bought a Bixby it served me well of course with many small breakdowns !So unlike my other Bixby Friends that switched to Wood Pellets (Cheap Here!) long ago this is my 1st FULL year burning wood pellets @ the House i ended my frustration and installed a Harman seeing the Bixby was qorth nect to nothing I am using it in my shop for supplemental heat with wood pellets it runs it shuts off it runs it runs it breaks down but it still gets the job i want done when it finally refuses to work Ill lett the junkman give me a few bucks or sell it to one of my friends for parts ! Yes they work on pellets and you should save some money ! Blume mentions using a little corn mixed in with the pellets and I must say it does help out ! Thanks for that tip BLUME !And wood is cheaper than Corn and my idea is to save as much as I can !

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Re: Corn Vs pellets
Posted by Rickh - 29 Jan 2013 23:17

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Hi, Home Depot $205. Seems like a lot of dust when new, however, I am new at pellets. I would check a bag before buying a ton. Feedmill has them for $225

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Re: Corn Vs pellets
Posted by Rickh - 29 Jan 2013 23:18

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Thanks, will check them out next time.

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Re: Corn Vs pellets

Posted by Rickh - 29 Jan 2013 23:21

Thanks for the info. I have been having problems since I started burning straight pellets and have decided to go back to a heavy mix of corn with some pellets. Stove ran great on corn, nothing but trouble with pellets. Thanks again.

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