What are you burning?

Posted by jlw6249 - 12 Nov 2012 15:05

I thought I had a line on all the corn I could handle for cheaper ($1,000 for 4 tons) through a relationship with a local farmer, but he said the corn crop just didn't turn out as he thought it would and is worried he won't have enough for the winter,so....

I found Somerset Hardwood Pellets at Lowes for $199/ton and had a coupon for $25 off thanks to my wife. I bought two tons and well...

On Pr-1 (lowest setting) they burn long and put out decent heat, in the 40's outside, keeps the house in the 70's. But the temperature has been dropping through the 30's and into the 20's here in tempermental NY, so I turned the stove up and... within a couple hours the burn pot is overtaken with ash and begins to block the auger feed.

I tried running with the Aux at 9, same result.

I went and picked up a couple bags on Lignetics (which I burned some last year) turned it on Pr-2, no problems over night, on Pr-3 and no problems again.

Does anyone have any experience with Somerset? A lot of reviews say how good they are but even the cheap pellets I burned when I couldn't get anything else last year, did not fill the pot with ash the way these do.

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Re: What are you burning?

Posted by irnman1827 - 06 Jan 2013 21:38

I just fired my 6039 up a few days ago. I'm burning 100% pellets - our local Menard's is carrying "Magic Spark" pellets. They seem to be burning fine. I normally burn 100% corn that we grow; but at $7 a bushel and very poor yields, it just wasn't feasible for this winter.

I have the old style 6039 with several mods to get corn to burn well, so it's a bit of a learning curve with the pellets. Mods are thanks to CornFusion from the old board.

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Re: What are you burning?

Posted by B-Mod - 07 Jan 2013 00:54

Corn, 100% corn, lol.

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