Pellet quality 2012/2013

Posted by FirepotPete - 11 Dec 2012 02:40

I guess this is as good a place as any to start a thread about pellet quality. Now that a lot of us have had to go to burning pellets at least mixed with corn I think we need to share our experience with different pellets.

I haven't really burned pellets since my first year with the stove but with corn prices I'm going to mix, I just love how the corn burns and how it's easy to clean and move with my vacuum system, where pellets take a beating trying to move them with it.

Past years I've used several from Marth Industries and most were good, the quality of each was related to the price, higher priced better pellet. Nothing bad from Marth that I remember, at least not for the price.

Pennington Premium, bought from Home Depot, worst pellets I ever bought.

Uncle Jed's Cold remedy from the Wisconsin pellet Nazi. As bad as Pennington, just cheaper.

This year to start off to mix I had some Marth left over and mixed. Last week I got some from Fleet Farm here in Green Bay. Wood Fiber Inc. from Niagara, WI. Hardwood pellets with a PFI rating, Fines

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013

Posted by command_z - 11 Dec 2012 02:53

I have used 2 brands so far. Easy Heat: will work in a pinch but not as hot and a lot of dust, strong smell of pine. Indeck: clean, hot, consistant. A favorite!

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013

Posted by FirepotPete - 11 Dec 2012 03:03

Come to think about it I used Indeck the first year a few time when I could get them and they were VERY good. I haven't seen them here lately, funny being they are made in WI.

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by jrsdws - 11 Dec 2012 03:07

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The hands down favorite around here are Somerset. They are very consistent...same length..same heat...bag after bag...year after year.

I found plastic in the actual Easy Heat pellets. Take a handful every now and then and check them out...just in case. Sometimes you can see blue or red plastic in the pellet itself.

I've been mixing Indeck with corn. I've also burned them by themselves. Tons of ash and very low heat compared to Somersets.

I've got some Marth in brown bag....ashy but decent heat it seems. I think Pennywise pellets are a Marth product...I've had as good of heat with these as Somersets but they are much higher ash.

I don't mind the ashy pellets when mixing with corn.

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by jrsdws - 11 Dec 2012 21:29

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A picture of the Easy Heat pellets with plastic in them:

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by command_z - 11 Dec 2012 21:39

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Definately plastic in them pellets. I've used ~8 bags and have not found any foreign material yet. Totally believable though... pictures don't lie! The local store where I got the Easy Heat is now carrying Starlite. Have not tried them yet.

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013

Posted by jrsdws - 11 Dec 2012 22:02

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So is the place I got my Easy Heats!!! Big R? I haven't tried the Starlites yet either.

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by FirepotPete - 11 Dec 2012 22:31

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I know some companies have a couple if not more plants that produce pellets. That's another reason to keep track of them. One plant may produce a fine product and another plant may not even thou they have the same name.

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by tfgrower - 11 Dec 2012 22:56

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Looks like someone was too lazy to throw their fast food trash in garbage. Perhaps someone should spend more time with there family.

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by command_z - 11 Dec 2012 23:19

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jrsdws wrote:

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Yep...Big R, lol

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