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 jrsdws - 11 Dec 2012 23:38

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tfgrower wrote:

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Something more than that going on. I have a buddy in Ohio who got the same thing.

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by tfgrower - 11 Dec 2012 23:57

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Well if it's countrywide the whole company should be spending all their time with their families

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by tfgrower - 12 Dec 2012 02:39

Easy Heat makes packaging also. Sounds like they can't seperate the two.

news.thomasnet.com/companystory/Easy-Hea...Energy-Market-590875

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by Nogas - 12 Dec 2012 02:45

Maybe they are left overs being recycled from Bixby's future pellets ?????

Sorry, I just couldn't resist. That really stinks that they can't quality control their product.

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by FirepotPete - 12 Dec 2012 03:00

Yup, I used the Pennywise a few years ago, they burned ok mixed but were dusty.

Are those Easy Heat pellets PFI rated?

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by command_z - 12 Dec 2012 03:07

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FirepotPete wrote:

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by FirepotPete - 12 Dec 2012 03:18

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command_z wrote:

FirepotPete wrote:

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Yes they are, but that don't really seem to mean much.

I agree very much with that statement. That is why I asked. Wondering if it was just me or that PFI rating is crap. Must be one of the organizations that you pay and join and then they rate them. I bet those that aren't rated don't pay the PFI membership.

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by command_z - 12 Dec 2012 04:38

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FirepotPete wrote:

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...and probably just as good if not better in some cases.

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by Manager - 12 Dec 2012 14:19

Somerset are the best! I do not run them down the screen... I have hardwire cloth setup over 2) 30 gallon trash cans and I run the pellets down it to remove the dust. If the dust biulds then I have poor feed. Pennywise are the next in line. Pennigton just plain sucks! I had dust big time and the moisture level was way too high...32 percent. I have a tester and I have not heard too many say they test for that.

I use my hay probe, works great. I also setup to make pellets, that is another thread! I grow corn and it is too expensive to burn. I have burned straight and pelleted oats, nice heat too much ash! Soybeans are like gasoline on a fire! I only use then as an aditive to a mix that "is a bit wet" lots of soot.

If the place I'm getting pellets from store outside... I take my moisture probe with to test the pellets, I'm not buying water! Yeah I'm the one who puts holes in the bags... so if you find a whole and I have been around they are to wet to burn well.

My 2 cents!

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by tfgrower - 12 Dec 2012 14:44

Manager, What do Somersets usually test?

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