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 - 15 Dec 2012 01:53

Just tried my first and last bag of Starlites. Enough dust to make a full sheet of 1/2" particle board. They smell like dirty socks right out of the bag. They are burning ok but nothing special. Definately not worth the $3.99 I paid for them. I bought 2 bags and will use the second for starting the fire pit.

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013

Posted by tfgrower - 15 Dec 2012 02:23

Where did they come from? Be sure and tell management. There is enough brands out there that they

don't have to buy junk.

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by command_z - 15 Dec 2012 02:44

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They came from Big R. Don't know if you have them in your area. They are like a TSC, Rural King, etc. They carried Pro-Pellet, then switched to Easy Heat, now Starlite. I detect a downward trend

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by jrsdws - 15 Dec 2012 02:52

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Thanks for giving them a trial burn. I'm glad you didn't buy a bunch!!

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by tfgrower - 15 Dec 2012 02:59

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Pro pellets are pretty darn good I,ve heard

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by kappel15 - 15 Dec 2012 03:17

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I have burned Marth in the tan bag. Very good pellets. Fuel King is another one. I am burning a pallet of them that i have had in the basement for 3 years. Superior is a good one. Indeck are good. I have 2 1/2 pallets of Pennywise in the shop. They burn good and hot, but are dirty, and have more ash.

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by command_z - 27 Dec 2012 16:57

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Now I'm burning my first Somersets of 2012. Great as always!

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by FirepotPete - 27 Dec 2012 17:52

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I've never seen Somersets around here. Would try them with all the good reviews over the years for them.

My experiment with Wood Fiber Inc. from Niagara, WI. hardwood pellets. Every bag very dusty, very soft breakable pellet. If I mix more than 50/50 with corn the glass soots up quickly and when I pull the clinker there is a lot of soot/discoloration on the clinker fork that gets all over my hands when I handle it after it cools off.

Tweaked the air some (more and less) to see if I could get a cleaner burn but no way. They don't seem to affect the heat output so I can't complain on that, just dirty, dirty, dirty to burn and handle.

Won't buy again unless I know they make some changes.

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by command_z - 27 Dec 2012 18:15

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Like you with the Somersets, I have never seen Wood Fiber pellets here. But if I do I will heed your warning. Thanks.

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Re: Pellet quality 2012/2013
Posted by command_z - 27 Dec 2012 18:18

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I posted this in another thread but I'll put it here also. Great place to get some input on different pellets.

http://www.woodpelletreviews.com/Pellets...ws/wood-pellets.html

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