

Ag Operations Harvest Update – September 26, 2025

First, thank you for your cooperation during this year's prepile harvest. To date, we've harvested approximately 640,000 tons across the district and processed around 560,000 tons. Factory slicing and beet transportation have remained on schedule.

Most of our harvest employees have now arrived. Agriculturalists have been actively training crews and working with Express and our foremen to finalize staffing. Based on current and expected training numbers, we anticipate being fully staffed at all sites for the start of stockpile harvest.

We had planned a soft start on Monday and Tuesday to begin bringing in beets and help train crews. However, due to warm weather, we're unable to accept beets at all locations. Crews will still report to their sites for orientation and equipment familiarization. If you have drivers who would benefit from training on the scales and pilers, please coordinate with your agriculturalist.

The forecast for the first few days of October suggests that it will be too warm to start the stockpile harvest on October 1. To maintain factory supply during this delay, we'll continue receiving beets at select sites that are close to site capacity at standard pile heights. This will help lower pile heights to give us optimal storage results. We will continue to monitor the forecast and provide updates as needed.

DTN Yard

- Group 4 will finish the prepile quota today. These beets will supply the factory with beets until Wednesday afternoon.
- Starting Monday, we plan to pile 10,000 tons every other day until the stockpile harvest begins.
- Tentative schedule:
 - Prepile Group 1 – Mon, Sept 29
 - Prepile Group 2 – Wed, Oct 1
 - Prepile Group 3 – Fri, Oct 3
 - Prepile Group 4 – Sun, Oct 5
 - If warm weather continues, rotation restarts on Wed, Oct 8.
- Prepile groups are the groups that were originally scheduled.
- **No swapping** of scheduled prepile groups will be allowed.
- Use ½ of your allotted 12-hour trucks.
- Piling capacity, assuming we will be using pilers 1-4 and 6-8.
 - 2 pilers 1,000 TPH
 - 3 pilers 1,500 TPH
 - 4 pilers 2,000 TPH
- Daily closing times will be announced based on hourly tons received and actual inventory needs.

Hamilton

- Site is tight for space at standard pile heights.
- We plan to pile ~12,000 tons every other day to haul to the DTN factory.
- Tentative Schedule:
 - Prepile Group 1 Mon, Sept 29
 - Prepile Group 2 Wed, Oct 1
- If we are still waiting for the stockpile harvest to start, we may start the rotation over or move to another station.

- Use ½ of your 12-hour allotted trucks.
- Piling capacity: ~1,200 tons/hour when we are busy.
- Closing times will be announced daily based on hourly tons received and actual inventory needs.

Grafton

- Site is short on space at standard pile heights.
- We plan to pile ~10,000 tons every third day and haul that inventory to HLB.
- Tentative schedule:
 - Prepile Group 2 Mon, Sept 29
 - Prepile Group 1 Thurs, Oct 2
- If we are still waiting for the stockpile harvest to start, we may start the rotation over, or we may move to a different site.
- Use ½ of your 12-hour allotted trucks.
- Piling capacity: ~1,200 tons/hour when we are busy.
- Closing times will be announced daily based on hourly tons received and actual inventory needs.

We will also need to strategically place inventory for the Transystems trucks to move to when we start stockpile harvest. We plan to put inventory in Humboldt for the Drayton fleet and St Thomas for the Hillsboro fleet. Below are our plans to do this:

Humboldt

We plan to open Humboldt 2 days before the stockpile harvest starts. To avoid long truck lines, we have split growers into two groups. Please follow this link to see which group you are in <https://bit.ly/3W8CeEm> . Below are our plans to receive inventory for the DTN fleet.

- Group 1 will deliver 2 days before the stockpile harvest begins.
- Group 2 will deliver the following day if more inventory is needed.
- Use ½ of your 12-hour allotted trucks.

St. Thomas

We plan to open St Thomas 2 days before the stockpile harvest starts. Below are our plans to receive inventory for the HLB fleet.

- Prepile Group 1 will deliver 2 days before the stockpile harvest begins.
- Prepile Group 2 will deliver the following day if more inventory is needed.
- Use ½ of your 12-hour allotted trucks.

As always, these plans can change based on weather and actual inventory needs. We will keep you updated via text messages and internet updates.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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