

## **Grafton Receiving Station Update**

**9/11/25**

With the current Grafton yield estimate and the number of acres contracted to the site, the site is very near its storage capacity. To alleviate this problem, we fully intend to reopen the Grafton site to process additional tons, thereby creating additional room at the Grafton site. At this point, we do not know when this will happen, but we intend to do it when the opportunity presents itself. Our goal is to put down an additional 10,000 tons, which will give us the room we need for stockpile beets. If we can harvest and process more than 10,000 tons, we will do that to start lowering pile heights.

The first opportunity to create room in Grafton may be this weekend. We are currently hauling beets from Humboldt. Today, the prepile harvest in Humboldt got shut down due to wet field conditions. If we miss the rain tonight, we believe we will be able to open Humboldt this weekend to continue hauling beets from Humboldt. If we cannot continue prepile in Humboldt this weekend and soil conditions allow growers to harvest at the Grafton site, we will open the Grafton site this weekend.

If we open Grafton this weekend, we will open for prepile group 1, and we will run a 12-hour day to put down about 10,000 tons. Please refer to the Grafton Prepile sheet to see what group you are in. These 10,000 tons will last until Tuesday afternoon, when we will hopefully be able to go back to Humboldt and continue hauling Humboldt prepile beets. If the opportunity presents itself again later in September, we will open the Grafton site again; this time it will be for prepile group 2.

We will evaluate the conditions in Humboldt and Grafton tomorrow morning, and we will provide an update for you tomorrow by early afternoon.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation as we navigate through prepile and get ready for the 2025 stockpile harvest.

Please feel free to call me directly with any questions or concerns.

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