

## **Food Safety Notice**

When delivering your crop to Hensall Co-op, it is the producer's responsibility to ensure that any product that may contaminate the load is removed from equipment used in the harvest, handling, and transportation of the crop. A partial list of contaminants include glass, treated seed, fuel, oil, livestock feed, manure, corn, other market classes of beans in dry beans or soybeans in non-soy crops. Soybeans and wheat are considered allergens in other crops since they pose a health risk. Please make sure to inspect and clean all equipment that will be used. Make sure to walk the areas along roads to look for bottles and other debris that could be picked up by harvesting equipment.

It is unlawful to deliver grain that has been treated or infected with any poisonous substance or compound to a mill or elevator. Persons so charged will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and held liable for any expense or loss incurred in the in removal and disposition of grains so contaminated.

Producers are advised to completely avoid the use of any equipment that has been used to handle treated seed when handling and transporting or storing of any crops that are delivered to any elevator. Serious concerns have been raised over such contamination and could result in rejection of product and loss of market access by Hensall Co-op and our producers. Any equipment that has been used to handle treated seed should be considered as contaminated with the seed treatment. This includes trucks and wagons that have had a contaminated auger attached to them. Washing contaminated equipment will not remove the contamination to the level where it is not detectable to the parts per million measurements currently being used. Avoidance of contamination is the best solution. Be sure to review the document at the OABA Treated Seed Checklist link.

Any indication of possible seed treatment contamination will be cause for rejection of the load.

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