After Harvest Small Grain Handling

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Drying Equipment







Recirculating Batch Dryer

- +Commercially available
- +Capable of low or high temp drying
- -Requires routine maintenance
- -Significant power & gas requirement
- -Minimum batch sizes

Self Built Dryer Wagon

- +Inexpensive
- +Low temp, high airflow
- -Slower drying of large batches
- -Not commercially available



Screw in Grain Aerator

- +Inexpensive
- +Versatile
- -Limited capacity
- -Very slow drying



Grain Bin With Full Air Floor

- +Allows aeration in storage
- -Expensive
- -Can provide habitat for rodents & insects

Cleaning



Rotary Cleaner

- +Fast
- +Easy Setup, Portable
- -Coarse Cleaning, not precise
- -Can be expensive



"Clipper" Cleaner

- +More modes of action, finer cleaning oversized, undersized, air
- +Generally inexpensive but may need work
- -Require firm mounting location
- -Not easily portable

Storage







Flat Bottom Bin

Hopper Bottom Bin

- +Protects grain from most damage
- +Rodent & insect resistant
- +Can be aerated
- -High capital investment
- -Not very versatile

Tote Bags

- +Very versatile for small lots
- +Inexpensive
- +Easily shipped
- +Can be aerated
- -Very vulnerable to rodents
- -Inefficient of space