

## Grain Storage

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The bin vents could ice over when the aeration system is operated near or below 32 degrees. Utilize a sensor to stop the aeration fan if bin roof pressures become excessive, or leave access doors open to serve as pressure relief valves if operating the aeration system near freezing temperatures to reduce the potential for damaging the roof.

Hellevang also has this advice for long-term grain storage:

- Do not place new grain in bins with last year's grain. Any insect infestations or spoilage that starts in last year's grain will impact the new grain.
- Check the grain at least every two weeks until it has been cooled for winter storage and every two to four weeks during the winter.
- Verify that the moisture content is at the recommended storage level.
- Check the grain temperature.
- Inspect for insects.
- Look for indications of storage problems, such as condensation on the roof.

"Using temperature cables or sensors to monitor grain temperature is encouraged, but remember that because grain is a good insulator, the temperature can be different just a few feet from the sensor," Hellevang says.

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