Hop Harvesters What's Out There?

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Mechanized Harvesting

- Economics
 - Capital cost
 - Labor savings
- Quality
 - Harvest timing and duration
- Logistics
 - "Feeding the machine"
 - Will need more drying capacity
- Net Yield

Strip and Sort



Harvester Characteristics

- Cost
 - material, labor, assembly, retrofit, recurring
- Capacity (bines/hr)
- Crew
- Power source
- Portable vs. Stationary
- Effectiveness







The Crafty Hop Plucker

- \$5,000
- 30-60 bines per hour
- 1 person crew
- Electric power
- Stripping only

The Crafty Hop Plucker Larry Leinhart Fort Collins, Colorado 970-219-3929







Bine Implement 3060

• \$14,000

- www.bineimplement.com sales@bineimplement.com
- 20-40 bines per hour average
- Up to 50 bines per hour
- 1-3 people to operate
- Electric power
- Strips and sorts

Revised 3/18/2014 with input from Bine Implement.





Steenland Mobile Structures

- \$12,000 (est.)
- 120 bines/hour (est.)
- 1 person to operate
- Portable
- Electric power
- Strips and sorts
- Rubber fingers
 - Anticipate less cone damage

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Stillpoint Farm – Tom Barse (MD)



LaGasse Hop Harvester

Price is TBD

Dan LaGasse & Jason McCormik LaGasse Works, Inc. 315-946-9202

- 150-200 bines/hour (est)
- 2 person crew
- Will strip and sort
- Gasoline powered hydraulics









UVM Mobile Hop Harvester

- Open source design
- \$9,500 30,000
- 60 170 bines per hour
- 2 4 person crew
- Hydraulic power (tractor PTO)
- Strips and sorts
- Auto feed

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Google "UVM Hops Wiki"









Wolf Harvesters

- \$30,000 \$45,000
- WHE140: 120-140 bines/hr
- WHE170: up to 170 bines/hr
- 1-8 person crews
- 3 Phase electrical power
- Strips and sorts (and can chop bines)
- Auto feed

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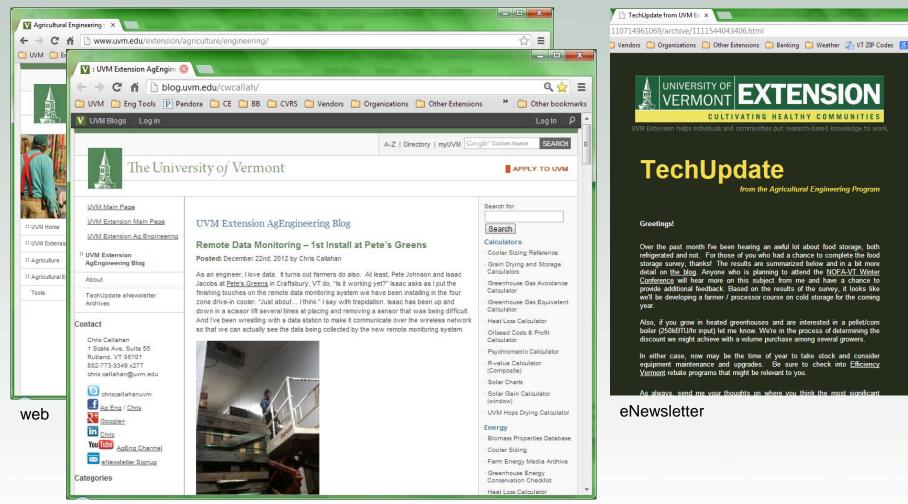


Option	Initial Cost	Crew	Bine/Hour
Hand Picking	Zero	1	1
Crafty Hop Plucker	\$5,000	1	30-60
Bine 3060 (Addison Hop Farm, Addison, VT)	\$14,250	1-3	20-40
Steenland Hop Harvester 1000	\$12,000	1	120
LaGasse Mobile Harvester	TBD	2	150-200 (est.)
UVM Mobile (UVM and others replicating Dean Heltemes, Todd Wycoff, Pat Comerford)	\$9,500-\$30,000	4	60-120
Wolf WHE140 (NEHA / Foothill Hops)	\$30,000 + labor	2-3	140
Wolf WHE170 (Four Star Farm Northfield, MA)	\$30,000 + 2 weeks labor	8	170
Wolf WHE170 (Big Head Hops, Ontario)	\$43,500 complete	1+	170

Videos

- Crafty Hop Plucker
- Bine Implement 3060
- UVM Mobile Hops Harvester
- Lunatic Fringe (UVM type)
- Wolf 140 (NEHA) bines
- Wolf 140 (NEHA) cones
- Wolf side by side





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