



VOF Recommended Combine Cleaning Protocol and Verification Form

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Please complete this form by filling in the space provided below 'Producer Protocol'. Please describe how you will address each of the 'To be addressed' items. 'VOF Recommendation' is a recommended practice that you may choose to follow. This recommended protocol has been determined to be sufficient to minimize the risk of contamination by the Review Committee. If you intend to follow this recommended practice please indicate that in the space provided. If you intend to make any significant alterations to the recommendation the change may need to be evaluated by the Review Committee.

If any of the 'To be addressed' items do not apply to your combine please indicate N/A in the space provided. If there are other components of your combine that are not included in this list, but which need to be included, please list them and indicate your protocol for cleaning them.

To be addressed	VOF Recommendation	Producer Protocol
Prepare to clean and purge the combine	Consult the Owner's Manual on cleanout procedures, access doors, component disassembly, and safety procedures.	
Empty the combine	Open all trap doors and run the combine empty for approximately 5-15 minutes, ensuring that grain tank and auger are clean.	
Empty the combine	Drive combine to dislodge grain before moving to cleanout area.	
Grain head	Remove grain head making sure to safely secure the feeder house with cylinder stops.	
Exterior	Inspect and clean cab roof and all exterior surfaces.	
Feeder house	Lower feeder house and clean inside and outside. Pay special attention to areas where grain or weed seeds may catch.	
Stone trap	Clean stone trap and remove all material.	
Grain tank and auger	Clean grain tank, remove grain from top and bottom augers, ledges, corners.	
Cylinder and thresher	Clean the cylinder or rotor and concave threshing area and separating area by opening all access doors identified in owner's manual and removing all material.	
Straw walkers	Clean the straw walkers.	
Tailings and grain elevators	Clean tailings and grain elevators by opening access doors and removing	

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	grain. Empty and clean the moisture sensor if equipped.	
Cleaning shoe and cross-augers	Clean the cleaning shoe area by removing chaffers and sieves for easier access, or opening and closing the sieves several times to loosen debris and remove grain. Access and empty lower grain cross-augers as far as possible.	
Rear axle, chopper, and spreader	Clean rear axle, chopper and spreader areas to remove all grain and plant debris.	
Grain platform, auger, and shields	Clean the grain platform by removing stems and grain from cutter area, under platform auger and reel. Check inside auger area via inspection plates if present. Clean under side shields.	
Corn head	Clean the corn head by removing all stalks, ears and loose grain. Lift shoots and vacuum to remove grain and other plant debris.	
Final purge	Flush combine with the next grain crop to clean the unloading auger before collecting grain from the field. This will be completed when it has been determined that the prior crop is no longer exiting the unloading auger.	

To be completed each time the combine is cleaned and purged

I verify that I have cleaned and purged the combine in accordance with the above method.

NAME	DATE OF CLEANING/PURGE	CROP HARVESTED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR	WAS PRIOR CROP HARVESTED GMO?	AMOUNT PURGED