



Seed & Grain Cleaner Buyers Guide Checklist

When buying a seed and grain cleaning machine, there are many things to consider in order to make the purchase that best fits your needs.

When choosing a seed and grain cleaner, ask yourself the following questions:

▪ **How much capacity do you need?**

On average and acre of corn yields 200 bushels. If you have 25 acres, that is 5,000 bushels of corn. If the cleaner has a capacity of 150 bushels per hour, it will take you approximately 33 hours to clean all of your corn.

▪ **What will your return on investment be?**

When selling your commodity, you yield a higher price for cleaned versus not cleaned. Calculate how much more you would make per bushel if your commodity is cleaned. Divide that by how many hours it will take you to clean your commodity. You can also clean for other farmers!

▪ **Will you be moving the cleaner to different locations?**

You may want to consider if the cleaner is easily transportable. It is easier to bring to cleaner to the commodity than it is to bring to commodity to the cleaner. If this is important to you, choose a cleaner that is easily moved, not overly large in size and not extremely heavy. Also consider the machines footprint for storage – will you need a large building to store the machine in the off season?

▪ **How easily can you get additional screens for different types of seed?**

You may choose to change your crop from year to year. You want to be able to use your cleaner for all types of seed. Getting additional screens should be convenient and fast.

▪ **Where is the cleaner manufactured?**

You may want to consider where the cleaner is manufactured, what if you need replacement parts? If the cleaner is manufactured overseas it can take weeks if not months to receive parts.

▪ **How much is the total investment?**

Every dollar counts! Consider the price you will pay for a cleaner and how much time it will take you to make that money back.

▪ **New or Used?**

Buying used can save you some money; however, what will it cost you in time and money to get the used cleaner ready for your operation? Sometimes, it's best to buy new, especially if you can find a new cleaner for a great price.

Still have questions? We are here to help!

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