



2020 Harvest is Underway at LongView Farms



We began combining corn on September 15th and are easing into beans as well, but this year's harvest is going to be far from normal for several reasons.



After suffering yield losses from both hail and the Derecho this year, our corn crop is going to be difficult to harvest. The stalks are twisted and falling over. We have added a corn reel to the front of the combine to help pick up the downed corn and we are frequently going one direction through the field to best capture the corn.



Yields are disappointing, but we still need to get the crop out of the field for both it's value and to prevent volunteer corn in the field next year.



We lost one of our 200,000 bu grain bins to the Derecho storm in August. To compensate for that loss we are now bagging corn. Thankfully our dryer still works, so we are drying the corn and then bagging it until our grain facility is back up running.



Thankfully, we have a great team to help us get the work done. In addition, we have welcomed back five college students to our harvest team and added six new students. Their energy and enthusiasm to be able to work in agriculture is an encouragement to all of us.



We are working hard to keep our team healthy and safe due to the Covid concerns. For that reason, unfortunately we are not allowing any extra riders in the equipment this fall. Feel free to come observe from your own vehicle if you wish and let us know if you have any questions.