

Summer Grain Bag

For those who are storing last year's grain through the summer months:

- Inspect regularly—at least weekly. **Especially look on the top of each bag.**
- Look for wildlife/bird damage.
- Look for hail damage.
- Patch any visible holes, even small ones.
- Look over the bag after storms.
- Don't overlook the details:
 - Place bags far away from tree lines. Don't give wildlife any cover near your bags.
 - Routinely inspect and maintain. If you see a hole, patch it.
 - Consider professional pest management.
 - Orient bags north to south to more evenly spread heat; avoid east to west.
 - Consider electrified fencing for some locations.

Some farmers don't think a few small holes matter—however, even a small hole creates a hot spot that *will* cause the hole to expand. If you fail to inspect and maintain your grain bags, the small holes will become big holes...and if left long enough, will cause bag failures.

Maintenance Materials

1. Patch tape, available in 3", 6", and 12" widths
2. Patch paint
3. Patch caulk
4. Glidden Gripper acrylic primer for holes up to 1/8"

NOTE

Storage for periods between 6 and 12 months requires a controlled environment (farm yard) with rodent control, a prepared site, inspection, and routine maintenance.

