

Problem Identification:

- Current method require two employees to fill a garbage can and dump into a larger bin multiple times.
- This process is:
 - Inefficient
 - Costly Involving two employees
 - Risk of workplace health and safety violations

Requirements:

- Evacuate 600 kilograms of spent grain (Figure 1) from the mash tun (Figure 2).
- Ability to be moved and operated by a single employee.
- Eliminate the need of lifting weights exceeding 50 pounds.

UPSTREET CRAFT BREWING SPENT GRAIN DISPOSAL CART

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Figure 1 - Spent Grain



Figure 4 - Final Design CAD



Final Design Features:

- 12GA Stainless steel bin capable of holding a batch worth of spent grain (Figure 4).
- 1/4" Stainless steel forklift plates for the bin to be elevated via a forklift above the spent grain storage bin.
- Spring loaded lever mechanism to release the door on the bottom of the bin and dispense the spent grain into the storage bin.
- Handle and heavy duty casters to ensure ease of mobility through the brewery.
- Rubber seal around the perimeter of the door to eliminate the possibility of leaks.
- Chains to stop the door at a desirable position will dispensing the spent grain.

Constraints:

- Must be no taller than 33" and wider than 35"
- Must not obstruct pathways, working areas, or fire exits.
- Must not use any materials that have the potential to absorb the liquids given off by the spent grain.
- Must complete the spent grain removal process and be cleaned within 15 minutes.



Figure 2 – Mash Tun (Left)

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Figure 3 – Cost of Materials Estimation



Figure 5 - Wooden Prototype Build



Decision:

- Move forward with a full scale wooden prototype (Figure 5) as unable to build the stainless steel bin due to concerns of cross contamination.
- Present client with build plan should they decide to move forward with the build in the future.

Analysis:

- Strength (Figure 6)
 - Dimensional
- Sustainability
- Cost (Figure 3)

Preliminary Ideas:

- The Can Swing
- Conveyor Belt System
- Auger System
- Drop Bottom Bin
- Self Dumping Hopper

