# **Features and System Use**

## 4.3.1 Bin Data Table View

The Table view allows for a simple display of the cable data that is easy to read and understand. By selecting a bin, the data is organized with a list of cables displayed across the top of the table view and with the cable sensors displayed down the left-hand column. The cables are displayed based on the placement of each cable in a bin when initially configured.



For bins that have moisture cables installed, in addition to being able to view temperature data the humidity data and moisture data are also available to be displayed. For moisture data to appear a Grain Curve must be selected. To add a Grain Curve, go to **System Settings**  $\rightarrow$  **Bins**  $\rightarrow$  (Select Bin) **Grain Info**  $\rightarrow$  **Edit**.

**Note:** Getting a grain level indication in a structure can take 15-hours to achieve upon the initial filling of the structure. During this 15-hour period the automated fan control function can only be used if the **Override Disclaimer** is acknowledged by the grain manager. This Disclaimer is located on the **Fans Settings** page. (shown below)

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Important! To avoid damage, ensure there is grain in the bin before enabling Automated Fan Control. The system may take up to 24 hours to determine grain level before starting. **Override and begin immediately.** (Do not wait for grain level) Grain Level Confirmation OPI Blue relies on an algorithm to compute which sensors are buried in the grain mass and thus verify that the bin does contain grain, allowing for safe operation of fans and heaters. You are about to override this safety feature, acknowledging: 1. Grain levels and inventory may not be viewable immediately in OPI Blue; 2. Safety risks to equipment and personnel. I acknowledge that running fans or heaters in an empty bin can cause serious damage or physical injury, as well as incorrect conditioning of grain. I confirm that I have visually inspected this bin, and deem the bin to be in a state to safely operate fans and/or heaters. □ I have read and acknowledge the disclaimer. Apply these settings to other bins Yes No Cancel Save LAB 38 Table View 😤 3D View < Prev Bin Next Bin > (i) Bin Info Current Moisture Content
 Avg Grain Moisture: 13.2% Grain Type Blackbean **Current Temperature** l Max Grain Temp: 19.9° Avg Grain Temp: 12.7° Temperature (°C) Moisture Content (%) Relative Humidity (%) Data Filter: In-Grain All Oct 18 2021 11:00 AM Cables Moisture Temperature °C Sensor Radius A Centre Radius A 72° 144° 216° 288° 0° 0° **S9** 20.0 **S8** 19.9 **S7** 14.8 12.0 14.9 17.0 12.5 12.4 **S6** 14.9 11.2 10.9 11.3 10.9 S5 12.8 10.8 10.7 10.9 11.1 10.8 **S4** 12.2 10.2 9.9 10.0 10.2 10.1 10.8 11.8 10.9 10.9 10.9 **S**3 10.9 **S2** 12.8 15.4 14.6 14.6 14.7 14.4 **S1** 16.1 16.6 15.6 15.3 15.8

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**Note:** By default, the cable data will be displayed for all cable sensors. Using the **Data Filter** toggle switch (highlighted in red) the system can be configured to display all sensor data or only the data from the sensors that the system has determined are in

Across the top of the **Table View**, **2D Graph**, **3D View** and **Bin Info** screens there is useful information displayed with regards to the current bin that has been selected. This information is informative when it comes to the current conditions inside the bin, **Current Temperature**, **Current Moisture Content**, **Current Fan Status** and **Plenum Pressure** (If automated fan control enabled). In addition, the current Ambient Temperature and Ambient EMC is displayed which provides valuable information in determining when the fan(s) should be turned ON or OFF in manual mode.

< Prev	Bin 1		Next >	Table View		삼 3D View	i Bin Info
Grain Type	Current Temperature     Max Grain Temp: 9.7°C     Avg Grain Temp: 5.8°C     Ambient Temp: 5.0°C	٢	Current Moisture Conte           Avg Grain Moisture:         11.5           Ambient EMC:         21.0	nt 😥	<b>Current Fan Status</b> Mode: Automatic - Ae Status:	eration 🥂	Plenum Pressure: -0.7wc EMC: 17.6%

**Note:** Using the **Quick Edit** function icon *Image* provides an easy means to edit **Bin Info**, **Grain Info**, **Parameters** and **Alarm Details.** 

## Charts

The Charts page will display data in a graphical form for a selected bin across a site. Unlike the Table View which displays current temperature and moisture readings, the graphed data is the logged historical readings. By selecting a cable, you will see the data displayed in the graph over a chosen duration of time. (1-Day, 1-Week, 2-Weeks, 1-Month, 3-Months, 6-Months, 1-Year, From Fill Date or a Custom Date)

This historic data is especially helpful when it comes to watching trends over time. You can easily see if there are any sensors within a bin that are increasing in temperature and deal with it accordingly prior to it becoming a hotspot. The graph also provides the visibility to see what is occurring throughout a bin with regards to moisture and temperature management on a cable by cable basis.



# **3D** View

The 3D View provides a graphical 3D view of the bin, cables/sensors in addition to a visual display of the grain level within the bin. There are three toggle switches on the left-hand portion of the screen that enable the **Grain Level**, **Cable View** and **Sensor Values** to be turned ON/OFF depending on the user preference. Using the **Show Sensors** toggle switch the data displayed inside each sensor can also be turned ON/OFF to display all sensor data or only the data from the sensors that are determined within the grain.



## **Bin Info**

The **Bin Info** tab enables you to see **Bin Details**, **Alarms**, and **Fan Control History** depending on the chosen link.



#### Alarms

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#### Fan Control History (only visible if fan control is in place)

Bin Details   Alarms   Fan Co	trol History	
	Previous day 2020/12/03 Next day	
	Fan Events Heater Events Control Events	
Time Type	Details	
Dec 3 2020 2:35 AM AERATION I	FO A14. Fan OFF; Plenum wet-basis emc (0.15) > target emc upper-bound 0.14.	
Dec 3 2020 2:30 AM AERATION I	A23.2 Fan OFF (Cooling); expected fan on plenum temperature (5.55C = ambient air temperature 5.00C + fan warming 0.55C) is greater than average grain temperature less offset (5.31C - 2.77C = 2.54C); turning fans on at this time would not cool the grain.	
Dec 3 2020 2:20 AM AERATION I	FO A14. Fan OFF; Plenum wet-basis emc (0.15) > target emc upper-bound 0.14.	
Dec 3 2020 2:10 AM AERATION I	A23.2 Fan OFF (Cooling); expected fan on plenum temperature (5.34C = ambient air temperature 4.79C + fan warming 0.55C) is greater than average grain temperature less offset (5.31C - 2.77C = 2.54C); turning fans on at this time would not cool the grain.	

## 4.3.2 Site Summary

The **Site Summary** page can be accessed through the menu. This page provides the user with a customizable one stop shop where key data can be viewed in a table format for the selected **Site** and bins associated with the site. Clicking (tap on mobile device) the **Customize** button enables the ability to select the various data headers that are determined to be most important to you by placing or removing a checkmark beside each. **Note:** The **Site Summary** table can be filtered by clicking to the right of the column header to display the data in ascending or descending order. Using the **Quick Edit** function *C* provides an easy means to edit **Bin Info**, **Grain Info**, **Parameters** and

Site Smith Farr	ns										
Custor Name	nize Z Fill Date	🗹 Grain Type 🛛 Level	🗹 Bushels 🛛 Val	ue 🗹 Ave	erage Grain M	oisture 🗹	Ambient EMC 🛛 🗹 M	ax Grain Temp	🗹 Max Tem	p Setpoint 🛛 🗹 Ra	te of Rise Setpoint
Na Search for	i <b>me</b> bin name	Fill Date	Grain Type	Level	Bushels	Value	Average Grain Moisture	Ambient EMC	Max Grain Temp	Max Temp Setpoint	Rate of Rise Setpoint
BH - 8	6	2019-09-06	Rice	13%	5369bu	\$0	N/A	21.0%	8.3°⊂	37.8°⊂	Off
BH - 3	Ø	2019-09-13	Rice	70%	28615bu	\$0	11.9%	21.0%	12.8°⊂	37.8°⊂	Off
BH - 6	7	2019-09-06	Rice	79%	32540bu	\$0	15.3%	21.0%	11.0°⊂	37.8°⊂	Off
BH - 7	Ø	2019-02-28	Rice	93%	38180bu	\$0	12.2%	21.0%	14.5°C	37.8°⊂	Off
BH - 5	2	2019-09-06	Rice	61%	24913bu	\$0	13.1%	21.0%	11.5°⊂	37.8°⊂	Off
BH - 2		2019-09-05	Rice	92%	37726bu	\$0	12.0%	21.0%	11.8℃	37.8°⊂	Off
BH - 4	7	2019-09-06	Rice	90%	36872bu	\$0	12.5%	21.0%	17.1°⊂	37.8°⊂	Off
BH - 9	7	2019-09-06	Rice	93%	38180bu	\$0	12.1%	21.0%	17.6°⊂	37.8°⊂	Off
BH - 10	Ø	2019-09-06	Rice	76%	31177bu	\$0	13.3%	21.0%	11.6°⊂	37.8°⊂	Off
BH - 1	7	2019-08-06	Rice	92%	37726bu	\$0	11.9%	21.0%	9.7°⊂	37.8°⊂	Off

## 4.3.3 Alarms

Note: The alarm settings for each bin are setup during the **Create Bin** process. However, they can be adjusted if need after the fact. To change the Temperature Alarm setpoints go under **System Settings**  $\rightarrow$  **Bins**  $\rightarrow$  (Select Bin) **Alarm Details**  $\rightarrow$  **Edit**.

There are seven specific alarm notifications that will show up in the system and that can be sent by SMS and email notification if configured by the user. Two alarms focus on the temperature of the grain, while the other three are system alarms.

- 1. High Temperature (High-Temperature threshold set by user.)
- 2. Rate of Rise Temperature (Rate of Rise threshold set by the user.)
- 3. Gateway Connection Lost
- 4. Gateway Lost Line Power and Battery Backup Voltage is Low

- 5. Node Battery Voltage is Low
- 6. Loss of Power to a Fan Node
- 7. Fan Automation Switch to Manual Mode (due to an issue.)

Note: There are several ways in which you can view the alarms within the system. The simplest way is on the Home screen when you log into the system. If there are any **Grain Condition alarms** (High Temperature and/or Rate of Rise Temperature) they will be displayed within the Traffic Light symbol. **Red** light means there are active Temperature Alarms that have not been acknowledged to this point. Yellow light indicates that there are active Temperature Alarms that are active; however, they have been acknowledged. If there are multiple alarms in a state a number will appear in the corresponding traffic light color indicating how many alarms are in that state. **Green** light provides a visual reference that there are no Grain Condition alarms. The same color coding is used identify **System Status alarms** on the Home screen. By clicking the alarm condition, you will see which bin it is associated with. If it is a **System Status Alarm** it will take you to the System Status page to view it.



Two acknowledged **Grain Condition** alarms displayed.



One acknowledged **System Status** alarm displayed.

Note: Any alarms that are **red** (active/unacknowledged) or yellow (active/acknowledged) will be visible on the alarm icon in the top right-hand corner regardless of the screen you are on. Tapping the Alarms Icon will display what the alarm is and provide the options to dismiss or view the alarm. By viewing the alarm condition, you will be taken directly to the location of the alarm for viewing.



Two acknowledged alarms displayed by clicking on the alarm icon in the top right portion of the header. You have the option to investigate further by clicking the **View** button.

# 4.3.4 Grain Condition

The Grain Conditioning screen provides an overhead view of all the bins broken down on a site by site basis. (If multiple sites exist) These bins can be filtered in several different ways to enable customized overviews specific to the user. Once the specified filters have been selected the bins matching the criteria will be displayed under the site map.

▼ Hide Filters		
Sites	Bins	Grain Type
✓ Display all	✓ Display all	✓ Display all
✔ Frank's & Charlie's Yards	<ul> <li>Bins with Alarms</li> </ul>	Soybean
Main Yard	<ul> <li>Remaining Bins</li> </ul>	✓ Oat
		✓ Wheat
	Select	✓ Blackbean
		🖌 Canola
		✓ Corn

The overhead view provides a representation of how the bins have been laid out at the specified site. Each bin is color coded to provide a quick visual reference as to the condition based on alarm status. In addition, the amount of color within a bin represents the grain level within the structure. The grain level is either determined by the system or a manual value entered by the user. For a further explanation of the color coding or grain level status the **Legend** link is in the bottom left corner and can be referenced.

The filled portion of each pie chart represents how full the bin is, based on level and capacity. The alarm status of each bin is represented by green, yellow, or red coloring of the label and fill. <b>Note:</b> for empty bins, only the color of the label will indicate the alarm status.							in 152	Bin 154	Bin 178	
							in 153	Bin 110	Bin 108	
The bin	is 65% full	and has alarms	which ha	ave been e	ither dismiss	ed or so	olved already.	h 046	Bin 109	Bin 107
The bin	is 40% full	and has alarms	which ha	ave not bee	en dismissed	l or solve	ed yet.			Bin 106
The bin	is currently	y empty.								Bin 105
	Bin 080		Bin 0162							Bin 104
Bin 085	Bin 080 Bin 086		Bin 0162							Bin 104
Bin 085	Bin 080 Bin 086		Bin 0162							Bin 104 Bin 103 Bin 102
Bin 085	Bin 080 Bin 086		Bin 0162						Bin 100	Bin 104 Bin 103 Bin 102 Bin 101

If data from a specific structure is desired, simply move your cursor over that structure (tap for mobile) and a tool tip will appear containing a small summary of key data for that structure. Clicking structure will bring up the View Data (takes to the View Data page) and Quick Edit (pop-up for editing structure information) buttons.



The **Grain Condition** tiles provide an overview of the current condition of the grain within the structure. If there are moisture and temperature cables in the structure, there will be a tab visible for each. The moisture tab will display the **Current (Average) Moisture**. The Temperature tab will show the **Maximum Grain Temperature Reached** as well as the **Maximum Grain Temperature Set** (This will be the Maximum Temperature alarm set point the user has set.)

If a Weather Station is installed at the site, the **Ambient EMC** will also be displayed. If you are looking to do a deeper dive into the data, tapping the **View Data** button will open up the **Bin Data** where the **Table View, 2D Graph,** and **3D View** can be explored.

If a bin has any active alarms they will be displayed. Tap the **View Alarm History** link to view additional information pertaining to the active alarm or to view previous historical alarm information.



At the bottom of each of the bins that have fan control, the current fan status will be displayed. To drill down further to make changes to the fan status, tap the **View Fans** button to open the **Fan Control** page.

**Note:** Using the **Quick Edit function** *I* provides an easy means to edit **Bin Info**, **Grain Info**, **Parameters** and **Alarm Details**.

## 4.3.5 Inventory

By selecting the Inventory option from the menu, you will be able to view any inventory data displayed by **Site**, **Grain Type**, **Bushels** and **Value** (If the price/bushel had previously been entered).

**Note:** Inventory can either be manually entered or the system can auto determine the grain level using the temperature data from the cables.

Inventory		Chat Support 🛛 🔆 Weath	er 🚯 Fans 🗊 Alarms
			<b>T</b> Filter
BY GRAIN TYPE BY SITE			
Туре	Bushels	Value	
Barley	100,743	\$ 539,445.74	~
Wheat	234,017	\$ 1,698,633.79	~
Canola	49,131	\$ 540,439.17	~
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The filter option provides the ability to filter by one or more grain types as well if there are multiple sites one or more site can be selected. Place a checkmark in the desired selections you want to filter by and then tap the **X** to close the pop-up box.

Filters	×
Grain Types	
Barley Canola Rice Oat Wheat	
Sites	
Crossfield Farms Saskatoon Farms Data Simulat	or

# 4.3.6 Global View

The Global View displays any sites that have been set up on managegrain.com. All sites added during the initial set up will be displayed on the Global Map with a red stick pin marker and the site name displayed. Either the Map or the Satellite view can be used to display the site's location.



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# 4.3.7 System Status

The System Status shows important vitals from the system. It provides the ability to display all sites currently installed or to select one or more specified sites. Place a checkmark in the desired selections you want to filter by and then tap the **X** to close the pop-up box.

System Status		Weather	😥 Fans 🛛 🔂 Alarm
			<b>T</b> Filter
Crossfield Gateway		🔋 No AC Power 🛛 🌰 Online	2
👜 Node 1	80% 📲 40%		
👜 Node 2	92% 🚮 60%		
📮 Gateway 647300		🏺 Power OK 🛛 🌰 Online	•
🜲 Node for Sim. Bin 1	100% 📲 100%		
🚇 Node for Sim. Bin 2	100% 📊 100%		

#### **Note:** The following are the displayed icons on the System Status screen.

Icon	Cable Nodes
92%	This provides a visual indication with regards to the battery charge
_	percentage of a particular Cable Node.
60%	This indicated the communication signal strength between the
	Cable Node and the Gateway. 3 to 5 Green bars is considered good.
	Gateways
🙀 Power OK	Indicates that the Gateway is connected and has A/C power.
Online	Indicates that the Gateway is online and connected to the server.
No AC Power	Indicates that there is no A/C power to the Gateway. The Gateway
_	can still be online using the supplied battery backup.
Offline	Indicates that the Gateway is unable to establish a connection to
	the server. Could be a power disruption or cellular or internet issue.

# 4.3.8 Permissions

Within the OPI Blue user interface you have the ability to "grant" permissions which *can only be given to another registered OPI Blue account (email)*. The purpose is to enable greater flexibility and simplicity for dealers to be able to support their customer base without the need to request a username or password from them.

Once permissions have been granted the party receiving permission will immediately be able to access the end users' account. The access will include full read/write ability. This access can be granted permanently or on an as needed basis.

1. From the menu select Members



2. Click the Add Members button.

Smith Farms

+ Add Member

 The Add Member popup box will appear. Enter the Email Address of the account you are looking to grant permission to access your account.
 Reminder: The email address must be that of another registered OPI Blue user.

Add Mer	nber	
Smith Farms		
E-mail address		
Role / Access Level		
Select		
Add	Cancel	

4. From the dropdown menu select the Role/Access Level the of the account that you are looking to grant permission to access your account. Note: The Manage role gives the user the ability to view and make changes on your account. The View-Only role gives the user the ability to view only and not make any changes on the account.

Role / Access Level	
Select	$\mathbb{R}^{+}$
Manage	
View-Only	

5. Click the Add button to grant permission to the desired email address.

E-mail address			
kentw@opisystems.com			
Role / Access Level			
Manage		~ ]	
Add	Cancel		

6. It will show as successful upon completion. **Note:** The email address being granted permissions to access the account will



**Note:** Permission to access the account is granted immediately. Any accounts that have been granted permission will be listed in the **Member** page on the account.

 If you are looking to remove an account that you had granted permissions to previously. Go back to the **Members** page and simply click on the **Remove** button.

Smith Farms		+ Add Member
Current Members:		
User Email	Role	Actions
kentw@opisystems.com	Manage	Remove
jsmith@gmail.com	Owner	-
You may grant other users access to your account b	y adding them as	members.

# Permissions - Accessing a Site

 If you have been granted permissions to any other accounts, you will be able to view these accounts by clicking on **Select Account** located at the top of the menu on the left-hand side. All accounts in which permissions has been granted will be listed on the Select Account page.



2. On the **Account Select** page, click on the **Select** button to access the desired account.

Account Select							Chat Support	Weather
Customize								
Company Search for Company	Grain Alarms	System Alarms 🗸	Sites	Bins	Payment Status	Email Search for Email	Last name	First name
Select OPIsystems Inc.			2	0	Stripe Info Missing	kentw@opisystems.com	Wingert	Kent
Select Smith Farms	3	?	1	15	Subscribed	jsmith@gmail.com	Smith	John

**Note:** The customer's Account Details and Payment functionality section from the menu will not be visible to anyone accessing another account when using permissions. This is to ensure the integrity of the account personal details and ensure they cannot be changed by anyone but the account holder themselves.

# Exit Customer's Site

3. When finished in the customer account, click **Back to your Account** located in the left-hand side of the top banner.



# **Best Practices**

**Note:** When accessing another account, it is critical that you **regularly verify** which system you are in especially when you are making changes to the other account. It is easy to lose track and incorrectly apply changes to the wrong account.

The account being accessed is always identified in two locations on the screen for verification.

Kent Wingert	OPIsystems Inc. Back to your Account > Gateways
Preferences Log out	Gateways Nodes
OPIsystems Inc. Select Account >	Register a Gateway
<ul> <li>Dashboard</li> <li>Grain Condition</li> <li>Site Summary</li> </ul>	Let's get started. Looks like you do not have any devic Register a Gateway

## 4.3.9 Payments

The OPI Blue system is a subscription-based system that includes an annual fee. To simplify the billing and payment processing a **Payments** page has been included within the system. It can be accessed by locating it on the menu.

🔹 System Settings		
	Gateways and Nodes	
	Sites and Bins	
*	Account Details	
	Members	
	Payments	

This payment function is meant to provide a secure confidential method to make your annual subscription payment. The **Payments** page and is broken down into three sections.

## Section 1

Shows the current subscription, expiry date and a breakdown of the charges.

You account is subscribed and in good standing. Your next billing date: Dec 19 2020 Your subscription is set to end at: Dec 19 2020

Your current subscription is composed of the following items:

Service	Price	Quantity
Cellular Connection	250 \$ / connection / year	0
OPI Blue Gateway (with fan control)	600 \$ / gateway / year	1
OPI Blue Gateway (without fan control)	250 \$ / gateway / year	0
Your Subscription Total:	\$600 + applicable taxes	

#### Section 2

Enables you to add (first time) or change a secured payment method (credit card) on file



To add your credit card information on file.

1. Click on the Add a Payment Method button.

2. A popup will appear. Enter your credit card number in the first field. Your expiry date (MM/YY) in the second field. Lastly, enter the CVC number in the third field.

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OPIsystems Inc.	
Authorize a new card	
kentw@opisystems.com	
🖨 Card num <mark>1</mark> er	
TMM2YY & CV3	
Change Payment Method	

3. Once all the information has been entered in the appropriate field, click the Change Payment Method button to save the information on file.

#### Section 3

Will show the upcoming subscription amount to be charged when your current subscription is nearing its expiry date.

Service	Price	Quantity
OPI Blue Gateway (without fan control)	250 \$ / gateway / year	0
OPI Blue Gateway (with fan control)	600 \$ / gateway / year	2
Cellular Connection	250 \$ / connection / year	0
Your Subscription Total:	\$1200 + applicable taxes	

\*Taxes: If you hold a tax exemption certificate, please email your exemption ID to taxes@opisystems.com, clarifying which sales taxes you are exempt from. If you are outside Canada or the USA, and your country is subject to import duties on software services, please be sure to declare these services with your tax authority.

**Note:** The subscription fee will be processed annually on the credit that has been put on file. You can update/change your credit card information as required by following the steps outlined above.

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# Fan Control

# 4.4.1 Manual Fan Control

Reaching the **Fan Control** page can be accomplished in two ways; the **Fan Control** link located on the menu or by the **View Fans** button located on each individual bin that has fan control with the **Grain Condition** page.

Controlling your fans can be accomplished through one centralized location on the Fan Control page. With your OPI Blue system you have the flexibility to run your fans manually or switch to automated control with Aeration, Natural Air-Drying, and Natural Air Drying with Heat algorithms.

The information is broken down into the most pertinent fan control information. Clicking the **Customize** at the top left corner will allow you to customize what information is display based on your preferences. Placing a checkmark beside the items you want displayed and leaving those you don't without one.

 Customize

 Image: State
 Fans & Heaters

 Image: State
 Fans & Heaters</td

There are 4 columns that can be used to filter the data. **Name, Mode, State** and **Grain Type**. The ability to filter is especially useful for larger sites that have many bins across the site making it easier and faster to locate the specific information you are looking for.

	Name	Mode <b>A</b>
	Search for bin name	All
~	Smith	Manual
	Farms	Automatic - NAD
	Bin 8 Copeland	Automatic - NADH
	<b>D</b> ia <b>Z</b>	Automatic - Aeration

If you are looking for a quick and simple way to turn your fan(s) and heater(s) ON in manual mode.

	ç	Fan Off	Start Fan	() Fan Timer
Bin 5	MANUAL	Heater Off	Start Heater	() Heater Timer

**Note:** Manually controlling the fans (Turn ON/OFF) is a simple process with a few basic guidelines.

Actions Button	Result	Status
Start Fan	Pushing the <b>Start Fan</b> button turns the fan ON.	Turning On will be displayed until the fan has fully turned ON. Once the fan has turned ON the indicator will turn green and the fan run time will be displayed. On O0:03 run time
<b>O</b> Fan Timer	Pushing the <b>Fan Timer</b> allows for a set number of desired fan run time hours to be entered.	bour(s) Start Fan Once the desired number of hours has been entered pushing the Start Fan button turns ON the fans. A countdown timer will appear, and the fans will continue to run until that set duration runs out.
0	Pushing the <b>Stop</b> button turns the fans OFF.	<ul> <li>Turning Off will be displayed the fan has fully turned OFF.</li> <li>Once the fan has turned OFF the Off indicator will be displayed.</li> </ul>

# 4.4.2 Natural Air Drying (NAD)

**Note:** Natural Air Drying (NAD) is an efficient control algorithm used within the OPI Blue system that enables effective in bin drying. You the user sets the moisture target you are looking to achieve and the allowable target moisture and temperature ranges in which the fans should run. This eliminates inefficiencies and energy waste.

**Note:** A grain level indication in a structure can take 24-hours to initially be achieved when grain is first put into a bin. During this 24-hour period the automated fan control function cannot be used as the system assumes the bin is empty. The level is determined using the data from the temperature sensors on the cables. This process takes time for the system to determine if a temperature sensor is in or out of the grain. On the **Fan Settings** page you can **override** this functionality and to have the fan(s) run in an automated mode without a grain lever determined.

Using the Automated Fan Override functionality requires placing a checkmark in the box.

**Important!** To avoid damage, ensure there is grain in the bin before enabling Automated Fan Control.

The system may take up to 24 hours to determine grain level before starting.

Override and begin immediately. (Do not wait for grain level)

Review and be sure you understand the disclaimer. If you still would like to proceed place a checkmark to acknowledge the disclaimer and click the **Save** button.

<b>Important!</b> To avoid damage, ensure there is grain in the bin before enabling Automated Fan Control.
The system may take up to 24 hours to determine grain level before starting.
Override and begin immediately. (Do not wait for grain level)
Grain Level Confirmation
OPI Blue relies on an algorithm to compute which sensors are buried in the grain mass and thus verify that the bin does contain grain, allowing for safe operation of fans and heaters. You are about to override this safety feature, acknowledging:
1. Grain levels and inventory may not be viewable immediately in OPI Blue; 2. Safety risks to equipment and personnel.
I acknowledge that running fans or heaters in an empty bin can cause serious damage or physical injury, as well as incorrect conditioning of grain. I confirm that I have visually inspected this bin, and deem the bin to be in a state to safely operate fans and/or heaters.
I have read and acknowledge the disclaimer.
pply these settings to other bins Yes No
Save Cancel

**Note:** One other thing to understand is that for any of the automated fan control algorithms to work you set a **Target EMC** and **Target Temperature**. With each using the sliders you also create a **Target EMC Range** and **Target Temperature Range**.

The conditions must be met for both the **Target EMC Range** and **Target Temperature Range** for the fan(s) to turn ON. When conditions do not fall within these ranges the fan(s) will turn OFF or remain OFF.

1. On the **Fan Control** page to setup Natural Air Drying (NAD), click on the manual wrench icon.



2. From the **Fan Settings** page use the dropdown menu to select the desired fan mode, **Natural Air Drying (NAD)**.

Bin 3 - Fan Settings		
Control Mode		
Manual		
Manual		
Automatic - Aeration		
Automatic - NAD	$\square$	
Automatic - NADH		

3. Use the sliders to set your Target EMC (Target EMC Range) and your Target Temperature (Target Temperature Range) and click Save. The fan(s) for this bin will now operate in an automated mode using your setpoints.



# 4.4.3 Natural Air Drying (NADH)

**Note:** Natural Air Drying with Heat (NADH) is an efficient control algorithm that enables effective in bin drying with the use of supplemental heat. You set the moisture target you are looking to achieve and the allowable target moisture and temperature ranges in which the fans should run. This eliminates inefficiencies and energy waste.

**Note:** To use the NADH control algorithm you must have heaters installed. The NADH mode will only appear for the bin(s) that have a heater install on them. If there is no heater you will not see the NADH option available.

1. On the **Fan Control** page to setup Natural Air Drying (NADH), click on the manual wrench icon.



2. From the **Fan Settings** page use the dropdown menu to select the desired fan mode, **Natural Air Drying with Heat (NADH)**.



3. Use the sliders to set your **Target EMC** (Target EMC Range) and your **Target Temperature** (Target Temperature Range) and click Save. The fan(s) and heater(s) for this bin will now operate in an automated mode using your setpoints.

Bin 5 - Fan Settings	
Control Mode	🕑 What's this?
Automatic - NADH	~
Target EMC Range	<b>?</b> Help
5%	20%
Target Temperature Range	🕑 Help
-3°C 3°C 14°C	49°C

# 4.4.4 Aeration

**Note:** Aeration is the control algorithm used within the OPI Blue system once you have reached your desired target moisture. Aeration is about cooling and maintaining the grain at a uniform temperature throughout the entire grain mass. Achieving your target moisture in conjunction with a cool uniform temperature throughout the grain will enable safe storage of your grain over longer periods of time.

1. On the **Fan Control** page to setup Aeration, click on the manual wrench icon.



2. From the **Fan Settings** page use the dropdown menu to select the desired fan mode, **Aeration**.

Bin 4 - Fan Settings		
Control Mode		
Manual		
Manual		
Automatic - Aeration	G	
Automatic - NAD	-	
Automatic - NADH		

3. Use the sliders to set your **Target EMC** (Target EMC Range) and your **Target Temperature** (Target Temperature Range) and click Save.

Bin 4 - Fan Settings		
Control Mode		<b>?</b> What's this?
Automatic - Aeration		~
Target EMC Range	Target: 12.5%	Help
596	11.5% 13.5%	20%
Target Temperature Range		Help
-3°C 2°C 12°C		49°C

There are also **Advanced Fan Settings** that can be accessed on the right-hand side of the **Control Mode** screen. The **Advanced Fan Settings** visible depends on the Fan Control mode selected. See the Advanced Fan Settings section to get a better understanding of each of these settings and what they mean.

Control Mode	A White the 2	_
Automatic - NADH	Advanced Fan Settings	
Target EMC Range Target: 125%	• Help               Fan Equalization Time             • Seconds               • Help               • Seconds                 • Jobp               360             Seconds               • Help               • Help                 20%               5.00 Seconds               • Help               • Help	
Target Temperature Range	Fan Minimum Run Time     Seconds     Seconds     Seconds     Seconds     Seconds     Seconds     Seconds	
Important! To avoid damage, ensure there is grain in the bin before enabling Automated Fan Control. The system may take up to 24 hours to determine grain level before starting. Detrike and begin immediately. (Do not wait for grain level)	Minimum Fan Warming 2 *c Maximum Grain Temperature Setpoint 38 *c	
Apply these settings to other bins	Minimum Plenum Pressure Setpoint  I.5 inches we Catel Off Resided	
	600 Seconds	
	5	
	3600 Seconds	
	Minimum Heater Warming Plate 20 *c	

# 4.4.5 Advanced Fan Settings

All **Advanced Fan Settings** are user configurable. Each setting has a default value; however, depending on user specific needs there may be situations where these values will need to be changed. Not all advanced setting are visible for each automated fan mode.

Advanced Fan Setting	What Does It Do?
Fan Equalization Time	The Fan Equalization Time, is an
360 Seconds	allotted time after the fan(s) have
	turned ON to allow the plenum
	conditions to become equalized
	with ambient potential conditions.
Fan Minimum Off Time	The Fan Minimum Off Time, is the
300 Seconds	minimum amount of time allotted
	that a fan must remain OFF before
	it can be turned ON again in an
	automated fan control mode. This
	prevents the fan(s) from cycling
	OFF/ON when conditions are right

	on the edge of a targeted EMC or	
	Temperature set range.	
Fan Minimum Run Time	Fan Minimum Run Time, like the	
360 Seconds	Fan Minimum Off Time this is an	
	allotted amount of time a fan(s)	
	will remain ON in an automated	
	fan control mode. This prevents	
	the fan(s) from cycling OFF/ON	
	when conditions are right on the	
	edge of a targeted EMC or	
	Temperature set range. It must be	
	equal to or greater than the fan	
	Equalization Time.	
Fan Sequencing Interval Time	Fan Sequencing Interval Time is	
30 Seconds	the minimum amount of time the	
	system will wait between	
	activating multiple fans.	
Minimum Fan Warming	Fan Warming Value is a measured	
2 °C	temperature value in the Plenum	
	due to the heat compression when	
	the fan(s) are ON. It can be	
	measured at the Plenum or have a	
	manual value set.	
Grain Temp Offset (°C)	Grain Temperature Offset is the	
3	difference required below the	
	grain temperature to trigger the	
	fan(s) to turn ON. This prevents	
	the fan(s) from running when	
	there is no grain in the structure.	
Maximum Grain Temperature Setpoint	Max Grain Temp Setpoint is the	
38 °C	maximum high temperature	
	setpoint any sensor can reach	
	within the grain mass before the	

	system triggers the fan(s) to turn
	ON. Aeration only.
Maximum Grain Temperature Spread Setpoint	Max Grain Temp Spread Setpoint,
12 ℃	is used to indicate the maximum
	allowable temperature spread
	within the grain mass. If the
	maximum temperature spread is
	exceeded the fan(s) will turn ON to
	drive the grain mass to a more
	uniform temperature throughout.
	Aeration only.
Minimum Air Temperature	Minimum Air Temp is the
0 °C	minimum allowable air
	temperature in which the fan(s)
	can be turned ON in order to avoid
	vents from freezing.
Minimum Plenum Pressure Setpoint	Plenum Pressure Setpoint, this is
1.5 inches wc	the minimum static pressure
	feedback setpoint that must be
	reached after the Fan Equalization
	period has been reached. The
	Plenum Pressure feedback
	provides validation that the fan(s)
	have physically turned ON when
	the system has called for them. If
	the minimum Plenum Pressure
	Setpoint is not reached after the
	Fan Equalization period has been
	reached an error message will
	appear and the automated fan
	control mode will be switched to
	manual mode.
Cool Off Period	Cool Off Period should an
600 Seconds	automated mode be interrupted
	preventing fan((s)/heater(s) from

	running as expected the control
	system will wait with fans/heaters
	OFF for this length of time (in
	seconds) before retrying them.
Maximum Retries	Maximum Retries is the number of
5	retries an automated mode will
	attempt prior to failing over to
	manual mode. If maximum retries
	is zero any alarm resulting in the
	interruption of an automated
	control mode will result in a switch
	to manual fan control.
Reset Period	Reset Period is the number of
3600 Seconds	seconds without a fan control
	automation interruption required
	to reset the fail counter to zero
	to reset the full counter to zero.
Minimum Heater Warming	Minimum Heater Warming is the
Minimum Heater Warming     20   °C	Minimum Heater Warming is the expected temperature rise at the
Minimum Heater Warming     20   °⊂	Minimum Heater Warming is the expected temperature rise at the plenum during the first heater ON
Minimum Heater Warming 20 °⊂	Minimum Heater Warming is the expected temperature rise at the plenum during the first heater ON cycle. If the measured Heater
Minimum Heater Warming 20 °⊂	Minimum Heater Warming is the expected temperature rise at the plenum during the first heater ON cycle. If the measured Heater Warming value is found to be
Minimum Heater Warming 20 °C	Minimum Heater Warming is the expected temperature rise at the plenum during the first heater ON cycle. If the measured Heater Warming value is found to be different than the initial value after
Minimum Heater Warming 20 °⊂	Minimum Heater Warming is the expected temperature rise at the plenum during the first heater ON cycle. If the measured Heater Warming value is found to be different than the initial value after the Heater Equalization Time has
Minimum Heater Warming 20 °⊂	Minimum Heater Warming is the expected temperature rise at the plenum during the first heater ON cycle. If the measured Heater Warming value is found to be different than the initial value after the Heater Equalization Time has finished, then the new Heater
Minimum Heater Warming 20 °C	Minimum Heater Warming is the expected temperature rise at the plenum during the first heater ON cycle. If the measured Heater Warming value is found to be different than the initial value after the Heater Equalization Time has finished, then the new Heater Warming value is used for
Minimum Heater Warming 20 °C	Minimum Heater Warming is the expected temperature rise at the plenum during the first heater ON cycle. If the measured Heater Warming value is found to be different than the initial value after the Heater Equalization Time has finished, then the new Heater Warming value is used for subsequent heater ON situations.
Minimum Heater Warming 20 °C Heater Equalization Time	Minimum Heater Warming is the expected temperature rise at the plenum during the first heater ON cycle. If the measured Heater Warming value is found to be different than the initial value after the Heater Equalization Time has finished, then the new Heater Warming value is used for subsequent heater ON situations. Heater Equalization Time is the
Minimum Heater Warming         20       °C         Heater Equalization Time         600       Seconds	Minimum Heater Warming is the expected temperature rise at the plenum during the first heater ON cycle. If the measured Heater Warming value is found to be different than the initial value after the Heater Equalization Time has finished, then the new Heater Warming value is used for subsequent heater ON situations. Heater Equalization Time is the time in which fan and heater are
Minimum Heater Warming         20       °C         Heater Equalization Time         600       Seconds	Minimum Heater Warming is the expected temperature rise at the plenum during the first heater ON cycle. If the measured Heater Warming value is found to be different than the initial value after the Heater Equalization Time has finished, then the new Heater Warming value is used for subsequent heater ON situations. Heater Equalization Time is the time in which fan and heater are ON waiting for the plenum sensor
Minimum Heater Warming         20       °C         Heater Equalization Time         600       Seconds	Minimum Heater Warming is the expected temperature rise at the plenum during the first heater ON cycle. If the measured Heater Warming value is found to be different than the initial value after the Heater Equalization Time has finished, then the new Heater Warming value is used for subsequent heater ON situations. Heater Equalization Time is the time in which fan and heater are ON waiting for the plenum sensor to reach its ultimate temperature
Minimum Heater Warming         20       °C         Heater Equalization Time         600       Seconds	Minimum Heater Warming is the expected temperature rise at the plenum during the first heater ON cycle. If the measured Heater Warming value is found to be different than the initial value after the Heater Equalization Time has finished, then the new Heater Warming value is used for subsequent heater ON situations. Heater Equalization Time is the time in which fan and heater are ON waiting for the plenum sensor to reach its ultimate temperature biased on Ambient and Heater

Maximum Heater EMC	Maximum Heater EMC the heater
20	will not be run if calculated Heater
	EMC exceeds this value.
Maximum Heater Temperature	Maximum Heater Temperature is
38 °C	a maximum set temperature that
	when reached results in the
	heaters being shut OFF. This is a
	preventative measure to prevent
	damage to the grain that can occur
	when exposed to too high a
	temperature. NADH only.
Minimum Ambient Temperature	Minimum Ambient Temperature
0 °C	is a set temperature value in which
	a warning will appear to notify the
	user the risks of running the fans
	below freezing.
Minimum Heater Temperature Rise	Minimum Heater Temperature
6 °C	Rise is the minimum calculated
	temperature increase at the
	plenum that must be achieved in
	order to validate that the heater(s)
	are physically running as expected
	when the system has called for
	them to be ON. NADH only.
Failover to NAD?	Fallover to NAD occurs if NADH
	automated control is interrupted
	exceeding the maximum number
	of retries. If not selected and the
	maximum number of retries is
	exceeded the operation will revert
	to manual. NADH only.
NAD Failover Cool Off Period	NAD Fallover Cool Off Period is a
3600	preset NAD setting for after a fan
	control failure in which the system

	will wait with fans/heaters off for	
	this length of time (in seconds)	
	before retrying. NADH only.	
NAD Failover Maximum Retries	NAD Fallover Maximum Retries is	
5	a preset NAD setting for the	
	maximum number of retries	
	before failing over to NAD mode.	
	When maximum retries is zero any	
	panic will result in a switch to	
	manual fan control. NADH only.	
NAD Failover Reset Period	NAD Fallover Reset Period is a	
3600	preset number of retries an	
	automated mode will attempt	
	prior to failing over to manual	
	mode. If the maximum number of	
	retries is zero any alarm resulting	
	in the interruption of an	
	automated control mode will	
	result in a switch to manual fan	
	mode.	

# 4.4.6 Fan Control Analysis

The **Fan Control Analysis** can provide a user with a visual means to getting a better understand of when fan(s) and heater(s) are made of a particular bin. It is best used when selecting a week or less timeframe to minimize the over exposure to the data that can be presented.

You can view the following information in a graph form. Turn the data ON/OFF by selecting the data you want to display by clicking on the following information located underneath the graph section at the bottom of the screen.

1. Calculated Fan ON Plenum EMC

- 2. Calculated Heater ON Plenum EMC (if heater(s) are installed on a bin)
- 3. Calculated Fan ON Plenum Relative Humidity (RH)
- 4. Calculated Heater ON Plenum Relative Humidity (RH)
- 5. Ambient Temperature
- 6. Ambient Relative Humidity (RH)
- 7. Minimum Fan Warming
- 8. Minimum Heater Warming
- 9. Plenum Temperature

The data is broken down into four sections.

## Section 1

Shows data based on the calculated plenum conditions, your set target EMC as well as your target EMC range.



## Section 2

Any fan or heater control ON or OFF automated decision will be shown in this section.

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#### Section 3

The fan and heater status are displayed here. **Green** bar indicates when the fan is ON and a **Red** indicates when the heater has come ON. Blank spaces indicate where the fan and/or heater or both are OFF.



#### Section 4

Displays the measured pressure value from the plenum sensor for the selected data range.

Plenum Pressure												
	22:00	6. Dec	02:00	04:00	06:00	08:00	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:00	18:00	20:00

Once the desire data you wish to see has been selected, moving your cursor over the graph area will display the data selected for that specific data and time.



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