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(54) Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DECONTAMINATING GRAIN

(57) Abstract: Disclosed is an apparatus for decontaminating grain with ozone, where the apparatus includes a grain inlet, a decontamination chamber that includes a plurality of baffles and a plurality of ozone ports; and a grain outlet. Also disclosed is a method for decontaminating grain that includes contacting a gravity assisted or gravity driven flow of grain with ozone.
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Electronic database consulted during the international search (name of database and, where practicable, search terms used)
PatBase, Google (Patent, Web, Scholar) Search terms used: baffle* grain vegetable wheat rye corn flower barley ozone gas air port valve pipe decontaminat* steril* inverted

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