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| Examine the **ground around and below each stack**. Use a torch in dark places. |
| ⬜ | Is there spilled or leaking commodity on the floor?  |
| ⬜ | Is there visible rodent excrement, insects, worms, dirt, or debris on the floor?  |
| ⬜ | Are pallets broken? |
| Examine the **exterior of each stack**.  | **stack_inspection_1.gif** |
| ⬜ | Are bags torn or containers broken? |
| ⬜ | Are containers stained or moldy? |
| ⬜ | Are there visible insects, cocoons, or webs? |
| ⬜ | Are the stacks properly interlaced and sides level? |
| Carefully look **inside the stacks**. | **stack_inspection_2.gif** |
| ⬜ | Are bags split, or are containers rusting or swelling? |
| ⬜ | Are there webs or cocoons between bags or in the seams? |
| ⬜ | Are there any unusual smells? |
| ⬜ | Does there seem to be “hardening” of bagged flour or blended foods? |
| Climb to the **top of the stack,** and spot-check bags or containers underneath the top layer. | **stack_inspection_3.gif** |
| ⬜ | Is there visible rodent or bird excrement; insects or worms; dirt or debris? |
| ⬜ | Lift a bag in the middle of the top layer. Does the area under that bag seem unusually warm? |
| ⬜ | Are there any unusual sounds (e.g., crunching or buzzing of insects)? |
| If authorized, take samples from grain sacks using a sampling spear. Check samples for smell, insect damage, mold, or discoloration. |

**Remember: Look, listen, smell, and touch.**