



Presentation to Senate Ag Affairs Committee

February 25, 2021

Main Points

About the Idaho Mint Commission

Idaho's Mint Industry

- * Diseases & Pests*
- * Production Figures*
- * Status of the Industry*

2019-2020 Audit



Idaho Mint Commission

- ▶ Established in 1986 - Idaho Mint Industry Act
- ▶ Research arm of the Idaho Mint Industry
- ▶ Board is made up of Mint Growers and Mint Dealers - Voting Rights to 6 Mint Growers and 1 Mint Dealer
- ▶ Funded through Assessments voted on by the Board - Assessment has been 6.5 cents per pound of oil sold for almost 10-years
- ▶ 3.5 cents of the Assessment is kept in the Idaho Mint Commission fund and the other 3.0 cents is paid to the Mint Industry Research Council for national mint industry funding.

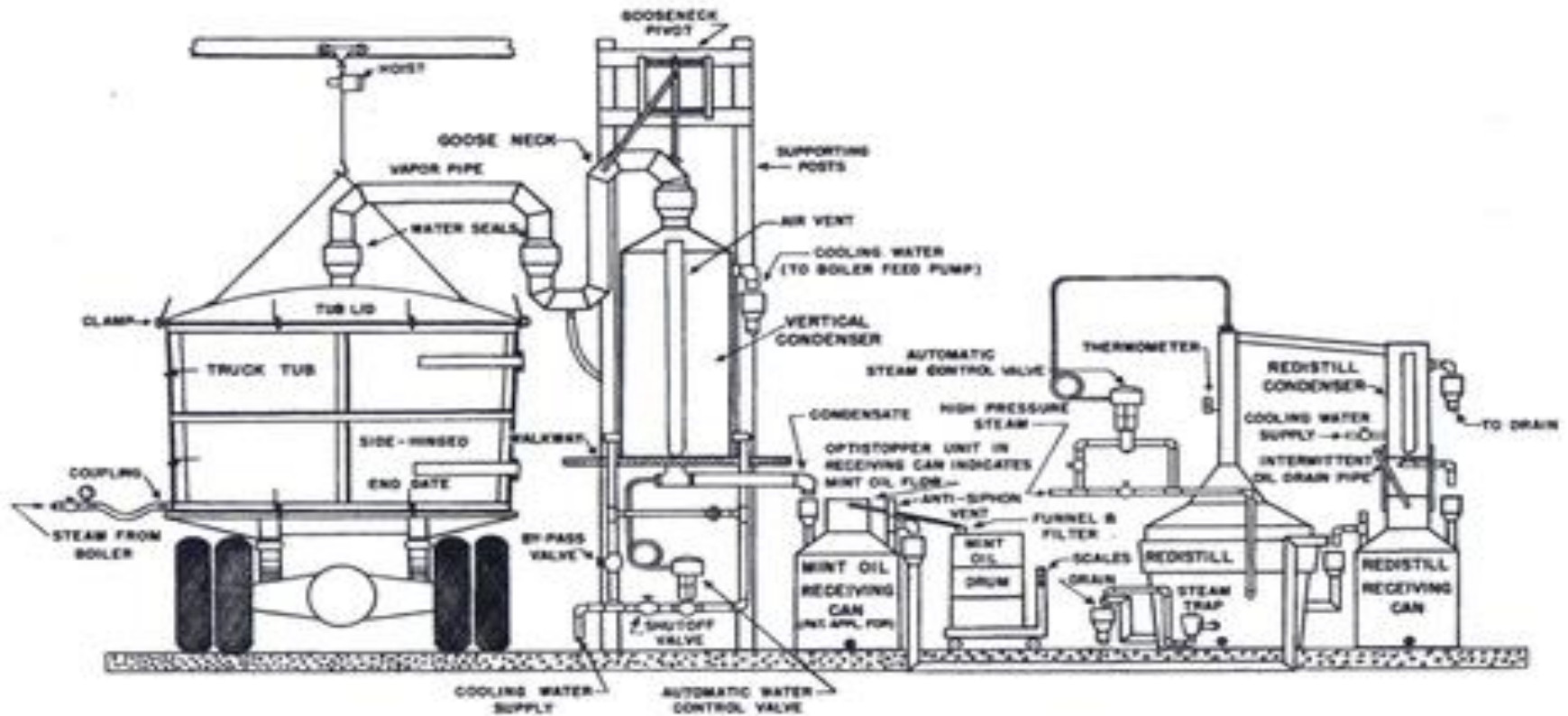


Idaho's Mint Industry

- ▶ Began in the late 1940's
- ▶ Commercial Production ramped up in the mid 1950's
- ▶ Idaho currently ranks #1 in Peppermint production and #3 in spearmint production nationally.
- ▶ 73 Idaho Mint Growers produce about 17,500 acres of mint.
- ▶ About 1.8 Million pounds of mint oil is produced from that acreage.



How Mint Oil is Extracted



FLOW DIAGRAM OF MINT OIL DISTILLATION EQUIPMENT

AS MANUFACTURED BY THE

COBB MANUFACTURING COMPANY
PHONE FAIRFAX 72423
JEFFERSON, OREGON

DESIGNED AND TESTED
BY PROF. A.O. HUGHES
OREGON STATE COLLEGE
CORVALLIS, OREGON

MANUFACTURERS OF THE
LATEST AND MOST EFFICIENT
DESIGNS IN MINT STILL
EQUIPMENT.

Diseases & Pests

- ▶ **Verticillium wilt**
- ▶ **Nematodes (Pin Lesion and Rootknot)**
- ▶ **Two Spotted Spider Mite**
- ▶ **Loopers, Aphids and Cutworms**
- ▶ **Mint Stem Borer**
- ▶ **Mint Root Borer**
- ▶ **Weed pressure**



Healthy Mint Plants



Verticillium Wilt



Attachment 1
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Vert & Nematode Pressure

