

Additional Information

Applications for industrial hemp can be submitted any time of year. Currently there is no license cap. Three year licenses are subject to a yearly renewal.

Those interested in registering as a processor of Industrial Hemp will find the procedure here:

<http://www.ncagr.gov/hemp/processorsinfo.htm>

The North Carolina Seed Lab is now set up to accept hemp seed samples for germination and purity testing. If you are interested in taking advantage of this service, please visit:

http://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/seedandfertilizer/seed/seed_lab.htm



Questions?

For questions regarding the application contract please contact:

IndustrialHempRequests@ncagt.gov

or

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For questions regarding the Industrial Hemp Commission please contact:

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919-515-7389

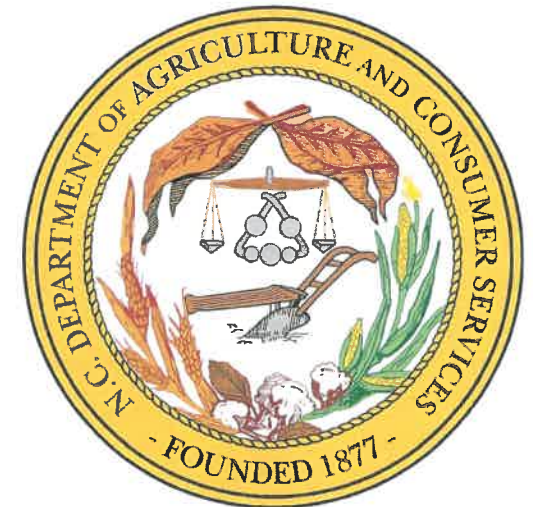
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Industrial Hemp Pilot Program

NCDA&CS
Plant Industry Division
Seed & Fertilizer Section

The mission of the Seed & Fertilizer Section is to improve the profitability and sustainability of agriculture in the state by ensuring the quality and quantity of seed, fertilizer, lime and other soil additives offered for sale in North Carolina meet prescribed standards and are properly labeled..



Steve Troxler, Commissioner of Agriculture
Phil Wilson, Plant Industry Division Director

What is the Industrial Hemp Pilot Program?

For centuries, industrial hemp (*Cannabis sativa*; IH) has been a source of fiber and oilseed worldwide, producing a variety of industrial and consumer products. Although more than 30 nations produce



industrial hemp, in the United States production is strictly controlled under drug enforcement laws. Updates to the Farm Bill in 2014 allowed for research institutions and state agriculture

departments to grow IH as part of agricultural pilot programs. Ratified in late 2016, North Carolina now allows the cultivation of IH under its pilot program. A commission, comprised of professors, law enforcement personnel and growers, was founded to be the governing body over development of the program. Emily Febles (NCSU), the IH program coordinator, will implement the pilot

research program, coordinating between North Carolina State University, the Industrial Hemp Commission, and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.



Important Facts about Hemp

Hemp is a small, seeded broadleaf with both male and female plants although some varieties exist with both male and female flowers. The plant is indistinguishable from marijuana, but contains less than 0.3% THC, while marijuana typically has 10% THC or greater. The seed requires a shallow planting depth and firm seedbed. It is not very competitive with weeds and there are no pesticides approved for use in IH at this time.



IH is normally grown for three uses; seed, fiber or floral material. Hemp fibers, for example, can be used in the manufacture of twine, paper, carpeting, clothing and construction materials. Hemp seed can be used in cooking oils, pasta and snacks, and industrial oils, to name a few uses, while CBD has pharmaceutical uses (must be approved by FDA).

How can I participate in the program?

Farmers who wish to participate in the program must submit an application to the NCDA&CS, which is then sent to the IH commission for approval. Upon approval, you will be notified and invoiced for licensing fees. A license will be issued upon receipt of said fees & an acknowledgement form. Licenses are issued for one- and three-year terms.

What is the fee schedule?

Initial Fee	\$250
Annual Fee	
49 acres or less	\$250
50 acres or more	\$500
Additional fees of \$2/acre and/or \$2/1000 sq. ft. of greenhouse will apply.	

If you are selected for THC sampling, a \$59 fee will be assessed, per sample.

There are no fees associated with “research only” licenses.



It is important to read and understand all of the rules associated with participation in the program, as compliance is critical to the success of the program and to your license retention. Applications, rules, and IH Commission updates may be found at:

<http://www.ncagr.gov/hemp/index.htm>