

# INDIANA HEMP AND HEMP SUPPORTS

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## FARM BILL 2018

- Among other things, the 2018 Farm Bill,
  - Modified the definition of hemp to include constituent compounds, and removed hemp from the definition of marijuana;
  - Moved jurisdiction over hemp from the Department of Justice to the U.S. Department of Agriculture;
  - Opened avenues for hemp in commerce. Not restricted to research only.
  - Requires background checks of all licensees growing or handling hemp.
  - Status:
    - Federal law is passed and in effect.
    - USDA must develop and adopt rules prior to approving any state plans.  
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## 2019 INDIANA LEGISLATURE

- Created a Senate Bill 516 that adopted the changes made in the federal farm bill;
- Added a new advisory committee to oversee regulations;
- Established a legal basis for a hemp program in Indiana ;
- Requires the State Seed Commissioner to hold public meeting on a state program to be approved prior to submitting to USDA for recognition of state program as in conformance to federal law.
- Status:
  - 2019 will be essentially the same as in 2018. No open commerce for hemp until state programs are approved by USDA. Research programs only will be licensed.

## HEMP RESEARCH

- Basics for hemp research include:
  - Drafting of a research proposal with specific methods/procedures, timelines, expected outcomes, and research report.
  - Final report: In addition to the above must include a final report of quantity produced, form of final product, processor/processing procedures, final disposition of the crop, If sold, to whom? If sold, for what price?

## WHERE CAN EXTENSION BE OF ASSISTANCE?

- Serving as an advisor on ag production to hemp growers.
- Advise growers on developing or signing a producer contract.
- Assisting in drafting of a *meaningful* research proposal.
- Monitoring, photographing, documenting and working with the grower to produce a record of their research progress.
- Communicating with the state seed commissioner, or local law enforcement, or helping their growers to effectively communicate.

## PRODUCER CONTRACT

- Before signing:
  - Know who it is with whom you are contracting.
  - What **varieties** does the contractor require? What is the final product?
  - **Who** purchases the seed and pays for transport?
  - How much raw product and **in what form** does the contractor want the raw product for delivery?
  - **Is the producer responsible** for meeting the required production acreage? (Does the producer have to locate and pay for replacement quantities, if they have to make up a shortfall?)
  - Is the producer responsible for transport to another processor?
  - Who pays for licensing?



**THANK YOU!  
QUESTIONS?**

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