



Specialty Crops Program



U.S. Domestic Hemp Production Program

You must have a license to grow hemp in the United States. If your state or tribe has a USDA- approved hemp plan or is in the process of developing a hemp plan, you will apply to and be licensed under its hemp program. If your state or tribe does not have a pending or approved hemp plan, you may apply for a USDA hemp production license.

You can review the status of submitted hemp plans on the AMS [website \(see next page for QR code\)](#). The table summarizes the approval status for submitted hemp plans. Contact information for your state or tribal hemp program is also available on the Frequently Asked Questions section of the website under the Grower Licensing section.

How do I apply?

If your state or tribe has an approved hemp plan, please reach out to the state or tribal contact listed in the link above to learn about application and licensing requirements. To apply for a USDA hemp production license, you will need to create an account using the Hemp eManagement Platform (HeMP) and use HeMP to submit a USDA hemp application and a copy of your Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Identity History Summary Check. Growers with questions in USDA licensing jurisdictions should contact USDA's Domestic Hemp Production Program (DHPP) directly via email at farmbill.hemp@usda.gov.

You cannot receive a hemp production license from a state or tribal government, or the USDA if you have been convicted of a felony related to a controlled substance in the last 10 years.

FSA Reporting Requirements of Licensed Hemp Producers

Once you have received a hemp production license from your licensing authority, licensed hemp growers are required to report planted hemp to their local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. You can locate your local FSA office on the Frequently Asked Questions section of the website under the Grower Licensing section.

When visiting FSA, hemp producers must provide the following information:

- License number
- Geospatial location where you are growing hemp
- Planted acres or square feet
- Planting dates
- Intended use

FSA will issue licensed hemp growers farm-tract-field-subfield numbers for each lot of hemp planted. Lots must be separated by variety and planting date. While you are free to separate one variety of hemp into multiple lots, remember that there are sampling and compliance testing requirements associated with each lot as reported to FSA. For complete information, please take the free training on FSA reporting requirements. To enroll in the course, visit the HeMP eLearning Platform (HeLP) tab on the AMS Hemp program web page.

Regulatory Requirements of Licensed Hemp Producers

Licensed hemp producers must also follow the regulatory sampling, testing, and reporting requirements of their respective licensing authority. These requirements vary by state or tribe, or if the grower is licensed directly by USDA.

Each lot must receive a compliant total THC test prior to harvest. The compliance sample must be collected by a certified sampling agent. The licensee may not collect the compliance sample. If the sample collected and tested does not meet the regulatory requirements for compliance, the hemp lot must be destroyed (or remediated as permitted by the licensing authority). For more information about sampling and compliance testing, free training courses are available. To enroll in any of our training courses, please visit the HeMP eLearning Platform (HeLP) tab on the AMS Hemp program web page.

For licensees in states and tribes with a USDA-approved hemp plan, contact the hemp program directly to learn more about sampling, testing and reporting requirements specific to each hemp program. Grower contact information for state and tribal programs can be found on the Frequently Asked Questions section of the hemp web page under the Grower Licensing section.

For more information, visit our website at www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/hemp. If you have any questions, contact us at 1-888-721-HEMP or by email at farbill.hemp@usda.gov.

