

North Dakota Industrial Hemp Program

Program Overview

- North Dakota Department of Agriculture's Industrial Hemp Research Pilot Program began in 2015
- Hemp Program administered through the NDDA Plant Protection Division
- NDDA issues licenses
- 36 Licenses with 3,020 actual planted acres in 2017
- 1 Licensed Processor

Staff

- 1 part-time staff (with export certification and nursery duties)

Seed Sourcing

- North Dakota sources certified or registered seed from international sources

International Seed Acquisition

- NDDA received a DEA Registration to Import controlled substances in 2015 for the purpose of importing hemp seed.
- Request to NDDA includes additional items:
 - Documentation regarding the ability of the hemp variety to comply with the 0.3% THC concentration limit. (Typically reference the EU or Health Canada approved varieties list)
 - Seed source, variety & quantity.
- Important Parameters in North Dakota
 - NDDA does not select the seed source or the seeds.
 - Licensees select the hemp seeds they would like to purchase and submit a request to NDDA for approval.
- DEA issues import permits and send documentation to NDDA as the Registered Importer.
- All orders, material transfer agreements, and costs are responsibility of the Licensee.
- Seeds arrive at NDDA for inventory and distribution to licensees.
- NDDA reports back to DEA regarding the import and provides detailed records to the DEA during our annual inspection.

Once approved

- All orders, material transfer agreements, and costs are responsibility of the Licensee.
- All shipments arrive at NDDA for inventory and distribution to licensees.

Evaluation of Seed Varieties/Strains

- All hemp crops are sampled.
- NDDA tests each hemp field and monitors each variety for its THC content.
- NDDA has ordered destruction of crops grown in the hemp program, which failed to comply with state law.