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2014 Farm Bill authorized hemp research & pilot programs

States’ hemp plans must be approved by USDA to issue grower licenses. In the absence of a state plan, growers may obtain licenses through USDA.

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States must submit a plan to USDA by January 1, 2019. NASDA has been an advocate for hemp legalization. The 2018 Farm Bill enabled this, and states are building frameworks and markets that can deliver on the crop’s promise.

GROWING SEASON

2018 Farm Bill legalized commercial hemp production

The hemp rule’s stipulations directly affect 2020 production. NASDA appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the rule and USDA’s objective to evolve regulations as the industry matures.

HARVEST & PRODUCTION SPRING 2020

Into the growing season, state departments of agriculture will administer hemp regulations on growing the crop. It’s imperative FDA establishes CBD regulations early to ensure the crop has a stable market come harvest time.

NASDA recommends:

- Enhances regulatory consistency across states
- Clarifies THC testing requirements
- Sets restrictive limits for maximum THC levels detected
- Requires extensive sampling of each plot 15 days before harvest

OUTREACH & TEAMWORK

HOSTED MEETINGS WITH AGENCIES, CONGRESS, MEMBERS & PARTNERS

LETTERS SENT TO INDUSTRY GROUPS & NASDA MEMBERS

FROM: NASDA, American Farm Bureau Federation, Drug Policy Alliance & Vote Hemp

TO: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the General Counsel

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