



2020 Candidate Hemp Policy Survey

Hemp farming was legalized in the 2018 Farm Bill and the USDA published an Interim Final Rule on October 31, 2019 creating a framework for states and tribes to regulate hemp production. In 2019 more than 20,000 licensed farmers grew over 290,000 acres across 36 states.

The nascent industry has big potential but is facing significant challenges. Vote Hemp and the National Industrial Hemp Council are sharing this survey to better understand policy maker views on hemp farming and federal policies that affect the industry.

1. Many farmers who have grown hemp since it was legalized under the 2018 Farm Bill have discovered that the 0.3% THC limit is too strict resulting in the loss of their crop for being slightly over that limit. A change in the definition to allow up to 1% THC would protect farmers from losses and still ensure that hemp would have no value as a drug. **Do you support revising the definition of hemp to allow up to 1% THC while keeping a maximum of 0.3% THC in finished products?**
2. Congress defined hemp broadly with the intent that a robust market could be developed for hemp farmers and businesses. FDA was authorized to regulate hemp under the *Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act*. **Do you believe that FDA's failure to regulate hemp is hurting consumers and hindering industry innovation?**
3. The 2018 Farm Bill defines hemp as an agricultural crop; authorizes USDA to oversee hemp regulation and removes hemp from a list of controlled substances under the *Controlled Substances Act*. Recently, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) proposed regulations that define hemp, while in the manufacturing process, as a controlled substance. **Do you support the Congressional intent and law that would remove hemp as a controlled substance, or do you believe the DEA is within their jurisdiction to regulate hemp byproducts?**