



## **2024 Hemp Production and Disposition Inquiry FAQ's**

### **What information does the 2024 Hemp Production and Disposition Inquiry collect?**

- The Hemp Acreage and Production Survey collects information on the total planted and harvested area, yield, production, and value of hemp in the United States. Data is collected for hemp grown in the open and hemp grown under protection. This survey will collect information for all utilizations of hemp:
  - Hemp flower, hemp grain for human consumption, fiber hemp, and seed hemp grown in open fields.
  - Hemp flower, hemp for transplant production, and hemp for seed production grown under protection.

### **What kinds of questions will be on the survey?**

- We are focused on the 2024 crop year. Hemp planted acres in open fields, hemp harvested acres in open fields, which of the hemp products uses were hemp grown for: hemp flower for human consumption, hemp for grain for human consumption, hemp for fiber, and hemp seed to sell, and any other use not mentioned. Also, total pounds produced and sold for these four types of uses.

We have a section focused on Hemp grown under protection: Your Greenhouse and Nursery operations growing hemp. They will be asked the same questions as mentioned for hemp producers growing hemp in open fields, with the exception of a few cloning and transplant questions. Lastly, there's a few demographic questions to better help USDA hemp program plans. Sex, race, how long you've been farming or ranching.

### **How is hemp defined?**

- As defined in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill), the term "hemp" means the plant species *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of that plant such as the seeds, all derivatives, and extracts, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3% on a dry weight basis. The Domestic Hemp Production Program established in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) allows for the cultivation of hemp under certain conditions.

### **How do you know who the producers are and how many producers are getting the survey?**

- Within USDA, we have partnered with AMS, FSA, and RMA to share information of hemp producers. NASS has State Statisticians as well as Regional Field Directors that have worked with State Departments of Agriculture to share hemp growers list in support of the survey and industry.



### **Why is participation important?**

- Participation among survey respondents means better data that inform decisions about the hemp industry. The data results from the hemp survey can help inform decisions about growing, harvesting, and selling hemp as well as the type of hemp growers decide to produce. The survey results may also impact policy decisions about the hemp industry.

### **Why is NASS conducting this survey?**

- We have a USDA Hemp program to support and information is power. AMS, RMA, and FSA will benefit from the final results to administer their Hemp program responsibilities. NASS intends to do our best to find out the facts for USDA and the Hemp Industry.

### **Who uses these data/how are these data used?**

- The survey data will support the USDA Agriculture Marketing Service to administer and monitor States and Indian Tribes who are approved under the 2018 Farm Bill to grow domestic hemp that will supply production for this emerging industry. The survey data will also assist the USDA Farm Service Agency, USDA Economic Research Service, and USDA Risk Management Agency with their program support responsibilities related to domestic hemp production.

### **What will we know about the hemp industry when results come in?**

- We should know the number of hemp acres planted, harvested, and total production in 2024 for the US, by region, and state. Also, the breakdown between hemp acres in the open and hemp grown under production by the four major types: hemp flower for human consumption, hemp for grain for human consumption, hemp for fiber, and hemp seed to sell.

### **Why should survey recipients who may not be active hemp producers respond to the survey?**

- All responses mean better data about the hemp industry, however even if a survey recipient is not currently growing hemp, their response means NASS will not contact them regarding hemp in the future.

### **What's the best way for a producer to respond to the survey?**

- We encourage producers to complete the survey online at [agcounts.usda.gov](https://agcounts.usda.gov) – online response is fast and secure. Online response's saves tax-payers dollars. All respondents will need is their unique survey code located on the front of the questionnaire to complete their survey online. They may also complete and return the survey by mail using the return envelope provided.

### **Where should our listeners go to learn more about this hemp survey**

- For more information about the Hemp Acreage and Production survey – including frequently asked questions and online response – visit [www.nass.usda.gov/go/hemp](https://www.nass.usda.gov/go/hemp).