



# Hemp PDI Info Sheet



## Overview:

Project Code: **947**

Questionnaires: Mail out early February

Release of information: National Hemp Report comes out Mid-April  
NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/)

The Hemp Production, Disposition and Income Survey collects information on the total planted and harvested area, yield, production, and value of hemp in the United States. Data are collected for hemp grown in the open and hemp grown under protection. This survey will collect information about 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.

## Purpose:

Data collected through this survey will help to support the Hemp industry. Growers will be able to see how many acres of each type of hemp are being produced which will help them to make informed decisions about growing, harvesting, and selling their crop.

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.

## Current Industry news issues:

The hemp industry has seen an oversupply of hemp biomass which has hurt prices.

Shortages of processing plants have been a problem for some growers leaving them with no place to sell their hemp in some cases.

New legislation banning intoxicating hemp may cause market disruption for growers in 2026. Any hemp with 0.3% or greater total THC on a dry weight basis will not be allowed to be sold. Industrial hemp for fiber, oil, food, etc. will still be allowed to be cultivated as long as it is under the 0.3% total THC threshold.

The new legislation has been signed but has NOT gone into effect yet and will not until well after the survey period. It goes into effect on November 12, 2026. However, there are currently bipartisan efforts in Congress to delay the ban by two years.

**As of right now** producers are still able to grow and sell the hemp that will be illegal as of 11/12/26, but some producers may decide now to stop growing hemp due to the pending regulations.

As an enumerator, you may potentially encounter more out of business records and refusals/nonresponse this year due to these pending federal regulations.

The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is responsible for administering the U.S. Hemp Production Program that was developed under the 2018 Farm Bill. Producers may find answers to questions about the new legislation on the AMS website at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/hemp>

### **Things to know/remember:**

Hemp can be grown in the open like a field crop or under protection like a horticulture crop, so we break it out and ask about production of both methods.

If an operation name sounds like it may be retail only, don't assume that it is. Allow the screening questions to either screen them in or screen them out. The same with a store front. The operation may have a retail business, but they may also be the producer.

Be careful with decimal places. We ask for acreages down to the nearest tenth.

If the majority of an operation's hemp acres are not going to be harvested, then a comment about the situation would be very helpful as staff review the data.

Examples: the hemp acres flooded out, had a drought, had to be destroyed because the THC level was too high, etc.

Hemp acreage/square footage should be reported for each product/use it was harvested for (example: flower and fiber both reported for same acreage)

For sales, we are looking for sales to date, expected sales within next year, and amount expected to remain unsold

You might notice there has been a switch in the industry from more flower acres to more fiber acres in 2024 and FSA data look like that will carry into 2025 as well.