Congressional Update

23 New Industrial Hemp Farming Act cosponsors

65 H.R. 525 Bipartisan Cosponsors

10 S. 134 Bipartisan Cosponsors

289 House members support hemp research

New Senate Cosponsors

New House Cosponsors

House Cosponsors
H.R. 525 introduced by Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY)
- 40 Democrats
- 25 Republicans

Senate Cosponsors
S. 134 introduced by Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) & Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
- 5 Democrats
- 4 Republicans
- 1 Independent

By way of the Massie hemp amendment to the FY 16 CJS Appropriations Act, this is a benchmark number of House members who support hemp’s progress in the next year.

Hemp as an Agricultural Commodity
Renée Johnson, Specialist in Agricultural Policy
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Summary: Industrial hemp is an agricultural commodity that is cultivated for use in the production of a wide range of products, including foods and beverages, cosmetics and personal care products, and nutritional supplements, as well as fabrics and textiles, yarns and spun fibers, paper, construction and insulation materials, and other manufactured goods. Hemp can be grown as a fiber, seed, or other dual-purpose crop. Some estimate that the global market for hemp consists of more than 25,000 products. Precise data are not available on the size of the U.S. market for hemp-based products, but current industry estimates report annual sales at more than $580 million annually.
McConnell Amendment to Omnibus
SEC. 739.
None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used—(1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940); or (2) to prohibit the transportation, processing, sale, or use of industrial hemp that is grown or cultivated in accordance with subsection section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, within or outside the State in which the industrial hemp is grown or cultivated.

Massie Amendment to the CJS Appropriations Act
SEC. 541.
None of the funds made available under this Act may be used in contravention of section 7606 (‘Legitimacy of Industrial Hemp Research”) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–79) by the Department of Justice or the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Hemp Amendments included in FY2016 Omnibus Appropriations Bill

USDA Hemp Research Clarification Letter

Complete list of Signatories: Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR), Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO), Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT), Sen. Al Franken (D-MN), Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO), Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY), Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI), Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA), and Reps. Jard Polis (D-CO), Thomas Massie (R-KY), Andy Barr (R-KY), Rod Blum (R-IA), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), Steve Cohen (D-TN), Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Rodney Davis (R-IL), Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Diana DeGette (D-CO), Suzan DeBene (D-WA), Sam Farr (D-CA), Morgan Griffith (R-VA), Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), Brett Guthrie (R-KY), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Ted Lieu (D-CA), Tom McClintock (R-CA), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Beto O’Rourke (D-TX), Ed Perlmutter (D-CO), Chellie Pingree (D-ME), Mark Pocan (D-WI), Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), Tim Ryan (D-OH), Kurt Schrader (D-OR), Marlin Stutzman (R-IN), Eric Swalwell (D-CA), Mark Takai (D-HI), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Peter Welch (D-VT), Ed Whitfield (R-KY), John Yarmuth (D-KY), and Ryan Zinke (R-MT).
Increased Support in Congress for Industrial Hemp

The 2014 Farm Bill included Sec. 7606, *The Legitimacy of Industrial Hemp Research*, defining industrial hemp and allowing for licensed pilot programs; now underway in nine (9) states. Since then, Congress has doubled-down with strong bipartisan support for industrial hemp farming in the U.S., passing FY 16 CJS appropriations amendments 289-132 and 282-146 in the House and by a voice vote in the Senate Appropriations Committee to stop the DEA and Dept. of Justice from using funds in the contravention of Sec. 7606 hemp programs. Sen. McConnell (R-KY) added language to FY 16 Omnibus Appropriations bill which expands protection for transportation, processing, sale and use of hemp produced in legal hemp states in accordance with Sec. 7606. McConnell’s language was included in the FY16 Omnibus Appropriations bill, which passed on 12/22/15 and prohibits the use of funds by any agency including the DEA in contravention of Sec. 7606.

States Rights Around the Country

Since the passage of *The Legitimacy of Industrial Hemp Research* in the Farm Bill, many new states have passed hemp legislation. But because of current federal laws, these states must operate in a legal grey area of uncertainty, where importing viable hemp seed still carries risk of interference from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) & U.S. Customs. In June 2014, the DEA seized over 280 pounds of hemp seed purchased by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Further federal action, such as the passage of the Industrial Hemp Farming Act (H.R. 525 & S. 134), is still needed to provide certainty to American farmers and businesses, and for investment in this re-emerging industry.

2015 Crop Report

**Colorado - State Licensed & Academic Research**
166 Registrants
3,657 acres approved
2,300 acres harvested (estimate by CO Dept. of Ag)
570,980 sf. of licensed indoor cultivation
(some was replanted outdoors)
Participating Universities: Colorado State University

**Hawaii - Academic Research Only**
Participating Universities: University of Hawaii

**Kentucky - Pilot Programs & Academic Research**
127 Registrants
1,742 acres approved
922.31 acres planted
Participating Universities: University of Kentucky, Murray State, Eastern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, St. Catharine’s College, University of Pikeville

**Indiana - Academic Research Only**
4 acres approved
4 acres planted
Participating Universities: Purdue

**Oregon - State Licensed & Academic Research**
11 Registrants
50 acres or less planted
Participating Universities: Oregon State University

**Tennessee - Pilot Programs & Academic Research**
41 Registrants
1,400 acres approved
700 acres planted
Participating Universities: Middle Tennessee State University, University of Tennessee

**Vermont - State Registration & Academic Research**
23 Registrants
20 acres approved
Participating Universities: University of Vermont

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*This photo of Red Petiole grown at University of Kentucky's Spindletop Farms is made possible by SEC. 7606 of the Farm Bill.*
## State Hemp Legislation

**ALASKA**  
HEMP LEGISLATION IN 2015  
**SB 8**  
Introduced: 1/21/15 by Sen. Ellis  
Summary: In accordance with Sec. 7606  
Status: Judiciary Committee

**ARIZONA**  
HEMP LEGISLATION IN 2015  
**SB 1225**  
Introduced: 1/27/15 by Sen. Pancrazi  
Summary: Creates study committee  
Status: Passed Senate 3/5/15

**CALIFORNIA**  
HEMP RESEARCH IS LEGAL

**COLORADO**  
HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL

**CONNECTICUT**  
HEMP STUDY IS LEGAL  
**HR 5780**  
Summary: In accordance with Sec. 7606  
Status: Governor signed 7/2/15

**DELAWARE**  
HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL

**FLORIDA**  
HEMP LEGISLATION PENDING  
**SB 554**  
Introduced: 10/23/15 by Sen. Clemens  
Summary: In accordance with Sec. 7606

**INFORMATION**  
**HR 704 | HB 1257**  
Summary: Authorizes FAMU to develop Hemp Research Compliance Program & Rulemaking

**GEORGIA**  
HEMP LEGISLATION PENDING  
**HB 704**  
Introduced: 4/2/15 by Rep. Pezold  
Summary: In accordance with Sec. 7606

**HAWAII**  
HEMP RESEARCH IS LEGAL  
**HB 508 SD2**  
Introduced: 1/26/15 by Rep. Onishi  
Summary: In accordance with Sec. 7606

**ILLINOIS**  
HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL

**INDIANA**  
HEMP RESEARCH IS LEGAL  
**HB 1181**  
Introduced: 1/12/15 by Rep. Lehe  
Summary: Refines policies & creates study committee for hemp extract  
Status: Governor signed 5/4/15

**IOWA**  
HEMP LEGISLATION IN 2015  
**SSB 1260**  
Summary: Study legislation  
Status: No Action

**PB 470**  
Summary: Hemp production  
Status: No Action

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**Pullman, Washington**  
University of Hawaii  
60 day old hemp crop - July 2015

**Colorado State University**

**Purdue University**  
Hemp field day

**University of Hawaii**  
60 day old hemp crop - July 2015

**State Hemp Legislation**  
Info as of 1/20/2016

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KANSAS
**HEMP LEGISLATION PENDING**
Note: Rep. Dove expected to introduce bill

KENTUCKY
**HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL**

MAINE
**HEMP RESEARCH IS LEGAL**
LD 4
Introduced: 1/7/15 by Rep. Sanderson
Summary: Amends MRSA §2231 to promote industrial hemp
Status: Senate overrides Governor's veto 6/16/15. **Became Law 6/16/15**

MARYLAND
**HEMP IS ILLEGAL UNTIL INDUSTRIAL HEMP FARMING ACT PASSES**
HB 803
Introduced: 2/13/15
Summary: Hemp production
Status: Governor signed 5/12/15

MICHIGAN
**HEMP RESEARCH IS LEGAL**

MINNESOTA
**HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL**
Omnibus Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Appropriations Bill
Introduced: 6/12/15 by Sen. Tomassoni; Representatives McNamara, Hamilton and Davids
Summary: In accordance with Sec. 7606
Status: Governor signed 6/13/15

HF 14
Summary: Amends for policy & changes
Status: Introduced for 2016

MISSOURI
**HEMP RESEARCH IS LEGAL**
HJR 57
Introduced: 12/1/15 by Rep. Ellington
Summary: Constitutional Amendment to enact hemp legislation regarding the cultivation, processing & sale of industrial hemp by 7/1/19

HB 2038
Introduced: 1/7/16 by Rep. Curtman
Summary: Allows Dept. of Ag to license hemp growers & criminalizes unlicensed hemp growers

MONTANA
**HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL**

NEBRASKA
**HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL**

NEVADA
**HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL**
SB 305
Introduced: 3/16/15 by Segerblom
Summary: In accordance with Sec. 7606
Status: Governor signed 6/4/15

NEW HAMPSHIRE
**HEMP STUDY IS LEGAL**

NEW JERSEY
**HEMP LEGISLATION PENDING**
Note: Assemblyman Gusciora expected to introduce hemp bill.

NEW MEXICO
**HEMP LEGISLATION PENDING**
SB 3 | HB 148
Summary: Authorizes hemp research within the scope of the Farm Bill

NEW YORK
**HEMP RESEARCH IS LEGAL**
A 8334
Introduced: 1/6/16 by Rep. Lupardo
Summary: Amends law to allow for hemp cultivation to be within the scope of the Farm Bill

NORTH CAROLINA
**HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL**
SB 313
Introduced: 3/17/15 by Senator's Bingham; Hise & Waddell
Summary: Creates Hemp Commission to establish & oversee a growers licensing program, which must be funded & also decriminalizes the production and use of industrial hemp upon the completion of rulemaking by the Board of Ag.
Status: Became law without signature 10/31/15
### NORTH DAKOTA
**HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL**

**SB 2145**  
Introduced: 1/8/15 by Senator’s Davison; Luick; Oban & Poolman  
Summary: Background check for licensing  
Status: Governor signed 4/1/15

### OREGON
**HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL**

### PENNSYLVANIA
**HEMP LEGISLATION PENDING**

**SB 50**  
Summary: Est. a board to act in accordance with SEC 7606  
Status: Referred to Appropriations

### RHODE ISLAND
**HEMP LEGISLATION IN 2015**

**HB 6177 | SB 990**  
Introduced: 5/7/15 by Rep. Keable & Sosnowski  
Summary: Provides a definition for "CBD-Rich Hemp Oil" to legalize cannabidol and industrial hemp  
Status: Passed House 6/18/15

### SOUTH CAROLINA
**HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL**

**H 4340**  
Summary: Amends Chp. 55, Title 46  
Status: Referred to Medical, Military, Public & Municipal Affairs committee

### SOUTH DAKOTA
**HEMP LEGISLATION PENDING**

**HB 1054**  
Introduced: 1/15/16 by Rep. Verchio  
Summary: Authorizes the production & sale of hemp  
Status: Passed House Ag & Natural Resources Committee

### TENNESSEE
**HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL**

**SB 1611**  
Introduced: 1/13/16 by Sen. Niceley  
Summary: Designates that the Dept. of Ag license processing facilities & any state 4-year university/college to develop foundation hemp seed for Federal Seed Act Certification  
Status: Governor signed 3/17/15

### TEXAS
**HEMP LEGISLATION IN 2015**

**HB 557**  
Introduced: 12/19/14 by Rep. Farias  
Summary: Allows academic institutions to participate in accordance with Sec. 7606  
Status: Place on General Calendar - No Action

### UTAH
**HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL**

### VERMONT
**HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL**

### VIRGINIA
**HEMP RESEARCH IS LEGAL**

**HB 1277**  
Introduced: 7/21/14 by Del. Yost  
Summary: Academic pilot program  
Status: Governor signed 3/17/15

**HB 699**  
Summary: Authorizes hemp research within the scope of the Farm Bill

### WASHINGTON
**HEMP LEGISLATION PENDING**

**SB 6206**  
Introduced: 1/12/16 by Sen. Hasegawa  
Summary: Designates Washington State University as the research institution authorized to conduct a full feasibility study  
Status: Passed House Ag & Natural Resources Committee

**SB 5012**  
Summary: Authorizes the growing of industrial hemp in the state by adding to Title 15 RCW 69.50.204  
Status: By resolution, reintroduced & retained in present status, 6/28/15

### WEST VIRGINIA
**HEMP RESEARCH & PILOT PROGRAM IS LEGAL**

### WISCONSIN
**HEMP LEGISLATION IN 2015**

**AB 215**  
Introduced: 5/14/15 by Rep. Cosdinine  
Summary: In accordance with Sec. 7606  
Status: Referred to State Affairs & Government Operations Committee