

2019 U.S. Hemp License Report





New states which started in 2019 (13 sttes)



States which grew hemp in 2018 (21 states)



States with enacted hemp legislation (46 states)



511,442Acres of hemp licensed nationally



34States licensed hemp cultivation



16,877State growers licenses issued

Vote Hemp has conducted an annual survey of state departments of agriculture since 2016 to track the growth of hemp cultivation in the United States. This year we are releasing a hemp licensing report first to document grower intent and will follow up with hemp planting and harvesting data once it has been reported.

Over 510,000 acres of hemp were licensed across 34 states, an increase of more than 455% over 2018 licensed acreage. Intent is a useful indicator but we know from previous years that significantly less hemp is planted than what is licensed due to a variety of factors including access to seed and/or clones as well as inexperience. This will be the case again for 2019 and Vote Hemp estimates that 230,000 acres of hemp will actually be planted and 50-60% of that will be harvested due crop failure, non-compliant crops and other factors resulting in 115,000-138,000 acres of harvested hemp.

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