

Indiana Hemp Advisory Committee First Meeting

WELCOME

AUGUST 1, 2019

Agenda

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

AVAILABLE AS A HANDOUT – REGISTRATION TABLE

Welcome – Committee Members and Guests

DR. ROBERT WALTZ, INDIANA STATE CHEMIST & SEED COMMISSIONER

MR. BRUCE KETTLER, DIRECTOR, INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE

Introduction of Committee Members

NAME

HEMP SPECIALIZATION/INTERACTION

Legal Overview of Indiana Hemp Program

2014 FEDERAL FARM BILL, DEA, 2015 INDIANA INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROGRAM (IC15-15-13)

2018 AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT, USDA, 2019 INDIANA HEMP PROGRAM (IC15-15-13
REVISED)

STATE PLAN SUBMISSION (IC15-15-13-15)

Legal Overview of Indiana Hemp Program

Established by Indiana legislature 2014, signed into law by then Governor Mike Pence.

Required state plan approval by Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

Focus on research on industrial hemp as a re-established crop in the United States.

Still Schedule 1 Drug, not separated from marijuana.

2018 – 6 researchers active, 15 acres or so of hemp production for research.

2018 Agriculture Improvement Act – including the modifications to the federal Hemp Act.

- Removed hemp from Schedule 1 drug status, established USDA (not DOJ) as the overseeing agency.

SB 516 passed in 2019 legislative session. Signed into law by Governor Eric Holcomb, May 2019.

Established the Indiana Hemp Advisory Committee and brought the Indiana law into conformance with the federal law. - See State Program slide for discussion.

How the Hemp Program Works

2014 Farm Bill – DEA in control and industrial hemp regarded by law as a schedule 1 drug.

DEA controlled access to seed, no interstate transport allowed with DEA permit. Research only, not commercial. In Indiana, strictly enforced. In general, a tightly controlled program.

2018 Agriculture Improvement Act – significant change in hemp and allowing commercialization.

DEA is no longer in role of oversight of hemp, although it still retains its long held responsibilities for marijuana. USDA must adopt rules to approve state programs. Expected announcement this fall August? - September? 90 day comment period. Final adoption. 60 day state plan review period. We are looking at contingencies in implementing the Indiana state program.

2019 – legally a transition year. Still a research structured program, but commerce is allowed.

- Recognition and thanks to researchers, Purdue Cooperative Extension staff, and industry for working together to make it happen.

2020 – First commercial year for everyone – no research requirement – will require licensing, background checks, fees. Need new federal and state rules. Will be controlled but non-researchers can have access to growing this crop.

Indiana Hemp Research Overview

MARGUERITE BOLT, PURDUE UNIVERSITY HEMP EXTENSION SPECIALIST

10 MINUTES

Indiana Hemp Licensing Overview

DON ROBISON, SEED ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF INDIANA STATE CHEMIST

10 MINUTES

Indiana Hemp Program Overview

JOHN MANDABACH, BOWMAN FAMILY HOLDINGS, REPRESENTING MIDWEST HEMP COUNCIL

JUSTIN SWANSON, ESQ., MIDWEST HEMP COUNCIL

10 MINUTES

State Program Plan Submission

SB 516 AND IC 15-15-13-15 (REVISED) – DUE NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2019 (INTENT IS TO BE MUCH AHEAD OF THAT DATE AS SOON AS USDA IS READY TO RECEIVE STATE PLANS FOR REVIEW.)

KNOWN FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS (2018 AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT)

STATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

State Plan Submission

When USDA adopts its new rules and announces that it is ready to receive and review plans—we intend to be there.

State laws have been updated through SB 516.

Preparation of state plan is authorized through discussions of rules with this committee and more specifically, the Governor's office, ISDA, OISC, ISP, for consultation. (IC 15-15-13-15)

Federal Requirements for a State Plan

1. A practice to maintain relevant information regarding land on which hemp is produced in the state....including a legal description of land, for a period of not less than 3 calendar years.
2. A procedure for testing, using post decarboxylation or other similarly reliable methods, for the delta⁹ THC concentration levels of hemp produced in the state.
3. A procedure for the effective disposal of: 1) plants, whether growing or not, that are produced in violation of the law; and 2) products derived from those plants.
4. A procedure to comply with the enforcement procedures under subsection (e);
5. A procedure for conducting annual inspections of, at a minimum, a random sample of hemp producers to verify that hemp is not produced in violation of the law;
6. A procedure for submitting the information described in 297C(d)(2)(contact information of each hemp producer), as applicable, to the Secretary (USDA) not more than 30 days after the date on which the information was received;
7. A certification that the statehas the resources and personnel to carry out the procedures described above.
8. Other practices or procedures which the Secretary of Agriculture may require.

Future Meetings & Activity Opportunities

PROPOSED: SEPTEMBER 23, 2019, 1-4 PM, (THIS FACILITY) HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS COMPLEX, 1900 EAST MAIN STREET, DANVILLE, IN 46122.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE HEMP IN THE FIELD AND TO LEARN (HANDOUT)

Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

DR. ROBERT WALTZ, INDIANA STATE CHEMIST & SEED COMMISSIONER

BRUCE KETTLER, DIRECTOR, INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE

Thank you for coming!!

NEXT MEETING PROPOSED: SEPTEMBER 23, 2019, 9-12 AM (HERE)