

Interested in growing hemp? Ten questions to ask others or yourself.

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1. Do you have any crop production experience?
 - a. This could be any number of crops. As a general rule of thumb, melon and vegetable growers (or other specialty crops, floriculture) seem to be more equipped when it comes to CBD hemp production. Grain and fiber fit in with row crop or forage equipment.
2. What type of hemp do you want to grow?
 - a. Grain, fiber, dual purpose, or CBD (or other cannabinoids, CBG is the next “big” one)
3. Do you have equipment, land, labor, etc.?
 - a. If not, have you figured out a plan to rent, purchase, or modify equipment? If producing hemp for cannabinoids (i.e. CBD production) identify and secure labor. This can be a very intense crop to produce and is more similar to horticultural crop production than row crop production.
4. Have you identified seed or clone sources?
 - a. Please see seed provider list that OISC has listed in section 7 <https://www.oisc.purdue.edu/hemp/index.html>. THC testing results from 2019 can be found here https://purduehemp.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Hemp-THC-Results-by-Variety_update.pdf. Also check out the THC/CBD reporting tool from UW <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/hemp/statewide-cbd-and-thc-testing-information-sharing/report/>
5. Have you identified any buyers?
 - a. If you have, ask about getting a letter of intent, buy back agreement, or contract.
6. Do you have a crop production/management plan?
 - a. There are some eguides that discuss production and you can find production information on the Purdue Hemp site <https://purduehemp.org/hemp-production/> Here are some of the other resources I like to use;
 - UKY Hemp agronomics- <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/ID/ID250/ID250.pdf>
 - Cornell hemp production- <https://hemp.cals.cornell.edu/hemp-resources/hemp-growing-info/> and <https://hemp.cals.cornell.edu/hemp-resources/our-research/>
 - Canadian Eguides- <http://www.hemptrade.ca/eguide>
 - Wisconsin Hemp Site- <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/hemp/>
 - Michigan Hemp Site- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/hemp/>
 - NC State Hemp Site- <https://industrialhemp.ces.ncsu.edu/>
 - CSU Hemp Insects Site- <https://hempinsects.agsci.colostate.edu/>
7. Have you attended any hemp events within or outside of Indiana?
 - a. If not, please check out <https://purduehemp.org/events/> to see upcoming events in Indiana.
8. Have you developed a cost of production budget?

- a. Please see enterprise budget models from UKY and UT.
<https://hemp.ca.uky.edu/>,
<https://ag.tennessee.edu/arec/Lists/Budgets/DispForm.aspx?ID=7>
9. Do you use PanXchange or Hemp Benchmarks (or any other economic reports) to look at spot market pricing and economic change within hemp?
 - a. You can sign up for free monthly reports at <https://panxchange.com/hemp/> and <https://www.hempbenchmarks.com/>
10. Are you familiar with rules and regulations in the state when it comes to licensing, violations, and pesticide use?
 - a. Please visit <https://www.oisc.purdue.edu/hemp/index.html> to learn more.