New Mexico Department of Agriculture’s Role in Hemp/Cannabis

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Regulatory Goals

I. Create an even playing field for industry
II. Provide for consumer and industry protection
III. Ensure services provided by NMDA are efficient and fair
IV. Operate a program under USDA requirements
NMDA REGULATORY ROLES (primarily pre-harvest)

• Licensing
  • Issuing of hemp licenses
    • Annual
    • Continuous
    • Hemp breeders’

• Hemp harvest inspection services
  • Approved sample collection for THC testing
  • Testing conducted by state approved laboratories

• Issuance of harvest certificates
  • Certifies crop meets definition of hemp at time of testing
## Recent Hemp Statistics (New Mexico)

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<th>2019</th>
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<td><strong>Annual licenses</strong></td>
<td>252</td>
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<td><strong>Acreage (Annual)</strong></td>
<td>6,035 acres</td>
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<td><strong>Continuous licenses</strong></td>
<td>100</td>
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<td><strong>Square feet (Continuous)</strong></td>
<td>7,165,881 sq. ft.</td>
<td>6,731,923 sq. ft.</td>
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National Level

• January 1, 2022—all hemp growing states (tribes) shall be operating either under one of the following:
  • USDA approved regulatory plan; or
  • Turn regulatory services over to USDA

• CBD not approved as a food additive by FDA

• Hemp products not approved as a feed stock

• Increased interest in industrial uses
NMDA Statutory-Based Duties (hemp & cannabis)

• I. Weigh Scale
• II. Seed Sales (for planting)
• III. Nursery
• IV. Pesticides
I. Weigh Scales

$7.00/gram or $200.00/ ounce
II. Seed Sales for Planting

Labeling Requirements

Kind/Variety
Germination
Inert Matter
Treatment (pesticide)
Test Date (9 month expiration)
Lot number

12 Seed /$100.00
III. Plant Nursery

A. Sale of viable plants considered a plant nursery

B. Requirement to be licensed and inspected
IV. Pesticide Registration (cannabis)

A. All pesticides sold, used etc. within a state are registered by each state’s dept. of agriculture, including those used in cannabis

B. States rely of EPA to review pesticide active ingredients for safety within its intended use

C. Problems:
   a. EPA does not review pesticide active ingredients for use in cannabis
   b. Cannabis sold for a variety of uses that are unique to the plant
      1. Inhalation
      2. Topical
      3. Ingestion
      4. Suppositories
Two of my favorite things are sitting on my front porch smoking a pipe of sweet hemp, and playing my Hohner harmonica.