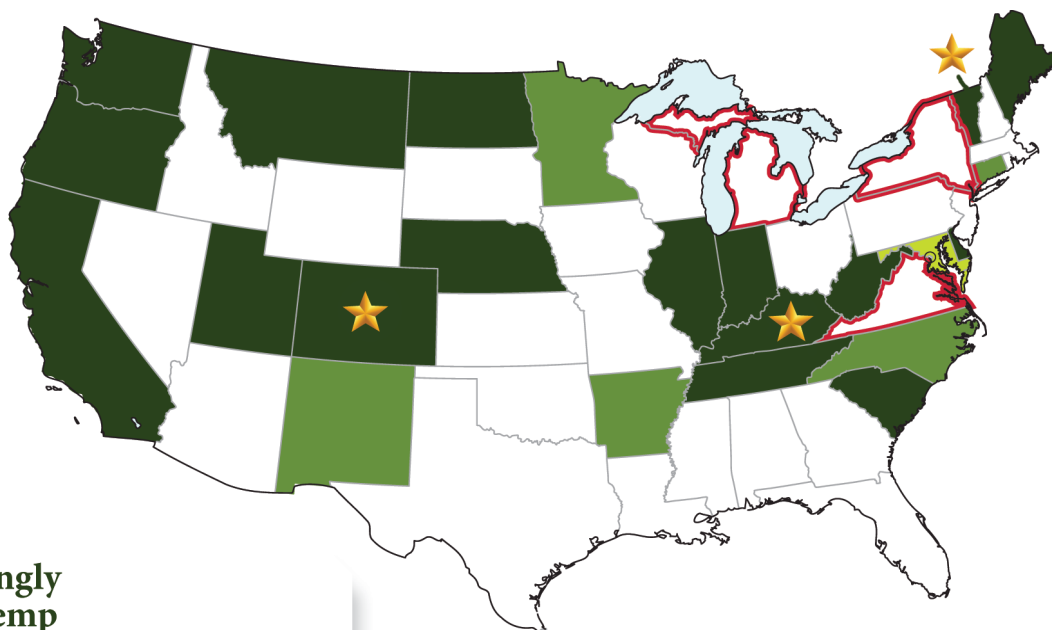


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2014 UPDATE



Congress Overwhelmingly Supports 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 three states. Since then, Congress has doubled down in overwhelming bipartisan support for industrial hemp farming in the U.S., passing appropriations amendments 246-162 in the House and 22-8 in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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). This past June, the DEA seized over 280 pounds of hempseed purchased by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Further federal action, such as the passage of the Industrial Hemp Farming Act (H.R. 525 & S. 359), is still needed to provide certainty to American farmers and businesses, and for investment in this resurging industry.

As of September 2014, Eighteen (18) states have defined industrial hemp as a distinct agriculture crop, and removed barriers to production. These states are technically allowed to take immediate advantage of the industrial hemp research and pilot program provision, but are experiencing many roadblocks to licensing farmers and importing seed.

Ready to Grow:

California, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia.

Three states (Colorado, Kentucky and Vermont) in 2014 have research crops planted in accordance with SEC. 7606 of the Farm Bill, *The Legitimacy of Industrial Hemp Research*.

- States that have passed legislation to legalize industrial hemp & may conduct research in accordance with SEC.7606 of Farm Bill
- States that have passed legislation regarding the study of industrial hemp.
- States that have passed bills to create commissions authorizing research.
- States that currently have pro legislation introduced & have momentum to pass.
- ★ Stars indicate states that legally grew hemp this year in accordance with SEC. 7606.



This photo of fresh cut hemp stalks and growing Kentucky hemp field is made possible by SEC. 7606 of the Farm Bill.

