

“Hemp faced a challenging environment in 2020 as more states and producers came online and markets slowed due to regulatory uncertainty. We saw hemp acreage and producer numbers drop for the first time since 2016.”

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Vote Hemp has been tracking hemp cultivation in the United States since 2016 and has documented the rise in acreage and producers. Each year we saw an increase but that changed in 2020. There are several reasons why this occurred not the least of which was slowing sales of CBD products due to a lack of regulation from the FDA. In addition, there was a massive 455% increase in new producers in 2019 most of whom were growing on speculation. The market was flooded at the same time that sales growth was slowing resulting in millions of pounds of unsold hemp biomass. In 2020 we saw 46 states with hemp programs and over 30 tribes that also began regulating production. Despite the new states and tribal activity, there was a decrease in licenses as well as acreage. We worked hard to collect data from all 46 states that authorized production but we only received data from 34 as of the 23rd of March. That data is included on the back page of this report.

2020 AND YEAR-OVER-YEAR KEY STATISTICS

Yearly Statistics	Licenses Issued	Acres Licensed	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested
2020*	13,475	336,655	70,530	33,844
2019	17,724	511,442	201,126	134,059
2018	3,546	111,912	78,176	NA

* Data based on 34 states reporting. Full 2020 state-by-state data on reverse side.

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STATES WITH ACTIVE
HEMP PROGRAMS

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TRIBES WITH APPROVED
USDA PLANS

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2020 STATE-BY-STATE DATA

State	Licenses	Acres Licensed	Greenhouse Sq Ft	Planted Acres	Harvested Acres	Hot Acres
Alabama	422					
Arizona	160	34,932	5,425	1,386	813	309
Arkansas	121	2,293	58,860	732	555	8.78
California	526	16,659				
Colorado	1,254	36,225	2,738,970	27,092	8,682	4685
Florida	704	18,000		293	249	5
Hawaii	57	470				
Indiana	245	8,951	130,000	2,900	1,800	40
Kansas	217	9,925		3,962	761	34
Kentucky	970	32,000		5,000	4,500	87
Louisiana	98	2,413		932	172	3.4
Maine	119	363		176		
Maryland	104	1,220				
Massachusetts	80	505			160	42
Minnesota	444	8,367	282,790	4,690	4,690	250
Missouri	207	24,302		811	559	73
Montana	110	14,200	4,000	11,400	3,700	
Nebraska	84	1,890	117,146	339	224	24
Nevada	116	3,875	284,830	1,626	1,626	
New Jersey	78	450	87,120	81	78	3
New Mexico	275	2,097			1,425	21.5
New York	216	32,536	511,683	2,547	1,813	
North Carolina	128	14,543				50
North Dakota	81	4,926				4
Oklahoma	131	3,885				
Oregon	1,806	28,392				246.3
Pennsylvania	521	3,113	1,137,036	991	514	37
Rhode Island	7					
Tennessee	1,918	15,722	4,836			17
Utah	216		312,042	1,566		18.4
Vermont	494	1,617		728	520	
Virginia	1,227	8,966		2,190		72.75
West Virginia	311	2,760		215	215	22.5
Wyoming	28	1,058	18,150	874	789	180
Totals	13,475	336,655	5,692,888	70,531	33,845	6,234

The gray cells represent a lack of data or reporting from the individual states. We also requested data from 12 additional states (AK, CT, DE, GA, IL, MI, OH, SC, TX, WA and WI) but unfortunately they were unable or unwilling to respond.

PER USDA Final Rule: "Based on the reports submitted by States and Tribes in 2020, producers have planted 6,166 acres under the 2018 Farm Bill hemp plans, of which approximately 730 acres were subject to disposal."



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