



Hemp Program Updates



March 15, 2024



Regular Rulemaking

- Amend Section 4890 (harvest definition)
 - Language proposed and motioned by the Board
- Written comment period closes on April 2, 2024
- OAL has 30 working days to review and approve or deny
- If OAL approves
 - The new definition will take effect immediately



USDA remediation option 1

- Non-compliant hemp plants may be remediated by separating and destroying non-compliant flowers, while retaining stalks, leaves, and seeds.



USDA remediation option 2

- Non-compliant hemp plants may be remediated by shredding the entire hemp plant to create “biomass.”
 - flowers, buds, trichomes, leaves, stalks, seed, and plant parts from a lot should be chopped or shredded to create a homogenous, uniform blend of the lot
- Lots shall be kept separate and must not be combined during this process.



USDA remediation option 2 continued

- This biomass shall be resampled and retested to ensure the biomass material tests within an acceptable THC concentration before it may enter the stream of commerce in accordance with §990.3(d) and §990.27(c).
- If the biomass tests above the acceptable THC concentration it is non-compliant hemp and must be destroyed



Cultivar data

- 5+ years of data
- 467 different cultivars
- 73 of the cultivars tested above 0.3%
- 21 of the cultivars have tested above 1%
- When cultivars test above, growers do not tend to re-use those cultivars
 - significantly less samples of those

Cultivar data

Cultivar	Yrs Tested	Last Yr Tested	THC < 0.3%	0.3% < THC < 1%	THC > 1 %	Passing %
Cherry Wine	5	2023	186	18	1	90.73%
Berry Blossom	5	2023	139	1	0	99.29%
Cherry Blossom	4	2022	97	7	0	93.27%
Chardonnay	2	2020	56	0	0	100.00%
Merlot	5	2023	45	1	0	97.83%
White CBG	4	2023	41	2	0	95.35%



Registrations

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Registrations issued	317	123	83	8
Registered acres	9882	5389	3875	416



THANK YOU