



Hemp Program Updates



Hemp Registrations as of 4/28/2026

Year	# of Registrations	# of Sites	# of Planting Reports	Acres Registered	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Acres Destroyed
2023	83	239	216	3905.4	2643.4	2610.9	30.76
2024	98	305	381	5890.4	4082	3047.5	828.35
2025	90	276	376	8259.7	6647	5421.6	584.11
2026 YTD	21	99	75	1730.07	740.1	121	0



Staffing Updates

- **Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor**

- Oversight of industrial hemp program administration
- Supervision of program staff

- **2 Environmental Scientists**

- Respond to inquiries from the public, industry, county agricultural commissioners, and other agencies.
- Develop educational materials for the industry, public, and county agricultural commissioners regarding registration, testing, and enforcement of the program.
- Cooperate with USDA and provides all required reports as outlined in the federal law and regulations.

- **1 Agricultural Technician**

- Maintain registration and sampling and testing documents and data
- Make webpage updates
- Respond to general inquiries



Frequent Program Inquiries

- registration process,
- clarification on laws and regulations and how to comply with them,
- sampling and testing process,
- cultivar registration,
- seed certification, and
- Public Record Act requests regarding the acquisition of confidential material.



Program Inquiries

- Inquiries received that do not relate to hemp cultivation are referred to other regulatory agencies, such as:
 - Manufacturing & processing are referred to CDPH,
 - Shipping is referred to the agencies as needed, and
 - selling of hemp farm products is referred to CDFA's Market Enforcement division.



Farm Service Agency (FSA) Reporting

- 3 CCR section 4935(d) requires the registrant to report all hemp production and any changes to USDA FSA within 30 calendar days of completing planting.
 - Report at any CA offices: <https://www.farmers.gov/working-with-us/service-center-locator>.
- Upon reporting, FSA will provide FSA-578, Report of Commodities - Farm and Tract Detail Listing.
 - Includes the FSA lot identification number (Farm Number - Tract Number - Field Number), which will be recorded on multiple reports.
 - Retain as the commissioner may request when verifying compliance.




Farm Service Agency (FSA) Reporting

- Failure to comply is a negligent violation in accordance with 3 CCR section 4951(a)(1).
- Lot identification number provided by the USDA FSA is required on all sample analysis requests sent to testing labs
 - Testing labs must submit all test results to the USDA (3 CCR section 4944(d)(1))



End of Board Term

- Board member's term end 5/31/2026
- Complete the Form 700 upon leaving your board position
- Upon future board vacancy posting applications for board positions will need to be submitted to the CDFA



Evaluation and Remediation of Illegal Hemp Cultivation (ERIHC) Program





ERIHC Update

- Department of Fish and Wildlife grant
- Enhance CAC activities
 - Monitoring and inspection of hemp cultivation sites
 - Resources to identify issues and enhance enforcement
 - Communication and coordination between CDFA and other agencies
- Enhanced CDFA support on abatements, NOV's and CAPs
- Standardization of processes



ERIHC Update

- In process to hire 2 additional limited term staff members to facilitate the program
- Have initiated county agreements