

For: State and County Offices

Reporting Industrial Hemp Acreage

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1 Procedure for Taking Acreage Reports

A Background

Several States have legalized the cultivation of industrial hemp. Section 1118 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 requires producers to submit annual acreage reports with respect to all cropland on a farm, as a condition on the receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Price Loss Coverage
- Agricultural Risk Coverage
- MAL's
- LDP's
- Transition Payments for Cotton.

Some States have requested clarification about how County Office personnel should proceed if a producer requests these benefits and submits an acreage report that includes acreage planted to industrial hemp.

B Purpose

This notice provides guidance to State and County Offices about accepting an acreage report that includes acreage planted to industrial hemp.

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C Guidance

Industrial hemp is not currently listed in Product Master or available for acreage reporting. If a producer reports acreage of industrial hemp to a County Office, the County Office shall follow procedure in 2-CP, paragraph 41 to use the “New Product Request” function in CRM/Product Master to request the addition.

Note: State and County Offices are reminded that Section 1619 of the 2008 Farm Bill, 7 U.S.C. § 8791, which generally prohibits disclosure of any information provided by an agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land concerning the agricultural operation, farming or conservation practices, or the land itself, in order to participate in programs of the Department. Refer to 2-INFO, subparagraph 64 B.