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# Minnesota Program Overview & 2018 Farm Bill

**Industrial Hemp Program**

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- Established legal definition of hemp: “The plant *Cannabis sativa* with less than 0.3% delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)”
- Allowed to be grown within state’s pilot programs for research purposes
- Hemp still considered a controlled substance by the feds

# 2018 Farm Bill



- Expands the existing definition of industrial hemp from the 2014 Farm Bill to include “..... seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers.....”
- Hemp is now an agricultural commodity overseen by USDA
- States/Tribes must submit hemp regulatory plan to USDA for approval- including licensing growers and testing hemp fields for THC compliance
- States are currently waiting for USDA guidance

- Amends federal Controlled Substances Act by excluding hemp from the definition of marijuana
- Interstate commerce of hemp now fully legalized

