



# 2021 Industrial Hemp Virtual Outreach Event

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**Kansas Industrial Hemp Summary**  
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**Table 1.** Licenses issued by year by KDA

| License Type    | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|
| Grower/Producer | 213  | 218  | 81   |
| Distributor     | 23   | 31   | -    |
| Processor       | 35   | 24   | -    |
| University      | 9    | 7    | -    |
| Total           | 280  | 270  | 81   |

Educational institution participants license as hemp producer. Among the 81 hemp producer licenses issued, 5 licenses are held by individuals associated with Kansas State University, Emporia State University and Pratt County Community College.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal registers hemp processors on an annual basis.

Regulations regarding the commercial production of industrial hemp in Kansas were adopted on January 8, 2021 by the KDA to allow commercial production under the United States Department of Agriculture’s (“USDA”) Interim Final Rule. Prior to 2021, all participants operated pursuant to the Industrial Hemp Research Pilot Program to conduct activities on a research basis. On January 15, 2021, USDA published a Final Rule on industrial hemp production and the rule took effect on March 22, 2021. The USDA Final Rule was less restrictive than the Interim Final Rule in three primary ways by 1) expanding the pre-harvest testing period from 15 to 30 days; 2) raising the threshold for a negligent violation from 0.5% THC to 1.0% THC; and 3) allowing for the remediation of plants produced as industrial hemp that tested above the 0.3% THC threshold.

**Table 2.** Industrial hemp acreages from 2019 to 2021

| Activity  | 2019  |          | 2020  |          | 2021  |          |
|-----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|
|           | Acres | Counties | Acres | Counties | Acres | Counties |
| Licensed  | 5,800 | 70       | 9,925 | 71       | 1,630 | 46       |
| Planted   | 2,782 | 59       | 3,968 | 58       | 530   | 35       |
| Harvested | 1,831 | 52       | 761   | 45       | -     | -        |

2019 and 2020 acres reported as planted were predominately (approximately 90%) for floral/CBD production. Only 22% of the acres in 2021 were for floral/CBD production where Grain/Fiber, Seed/Grain and Fiber were approximately 21%, 40%, and 17%, respectively. Values reported for 2021 do not reflect total year-end acres planted; values are from 11/03/2021 capture. Information is presented subject to change

Of the planted acres, 54 (2019) and 34 (2020) acres tested noncompliant (> 0.3% THC). Roughly 890 (2019) and 3,149 (2020) planted acres were nonyielding or failed to produce a crop.

### 2021 distribution of acres reported as planted with hemp

