

## Texas A&M AgriLife Industrial Hemp Resources for Texas

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### ***AgriLife Extension Public Webpage for Hemp Production***

The agency wide public website for hemp is <http://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/hemp> Several new resources have been posted since January 2020. If browsing the internet for other industrial hemp resources, include other states' university hemp agricultural research and extension information, states' department of agriculture hemp guidelines, USDA, and the U.S. Food & Drug Administration.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service ag law specialist Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, J.D., Amarillo, blogs extensively on hemp issues, <https://agrilife.org/texasaglaw/> Use the 'Search' function at the top to find all hemp related topics including her reviews of the USDA hemp rules (Oct. 27, 2019) and TDA rules (Jan. 27, 2020).

### ***USDA & Texas Dept. of Agriculture Industrial Proposed Hemp Rules***

On October 29, USDA released interim rules which Texas and other states must base their guidelines for hemp production. See <https://www.farmers.gov/manage/hemp> (which includes info on insurance, Farm Service Agency programs, etc.) then click on "Hemp Production Webpage." Locate the link for "Interim Final Rule" in PDF.

Texas Dept. of Agriculture rules for Texas hemp, <https://www.texasagriculture.gov/RegulatoryPrograms/Hemp.aspx>, were approved Jan. 27, 2020 by USDA even though the TDA public comment period doesn't close until Feb. 10. Access a draft of proposed Texas hemp rules at <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/pdf/backview/0110/0110prop.pdf>

The Texas Department of State Health Services is legislatively mandated to regulate consumable hemp products in Texas. This includes "food, device, drug, or cosmetic" that contains hemp or hemp-derived products. See their online information at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/consumerprotection/hemp-program/default.aspx> Smokable hemp is not specifically mentioned but DSHS would have regulatory authority if they choose to exercise it. Texas DSHS will follow U.S. Food & Drug Administration directives, which includes potential regulation of CBD (and other cannabinoids) as food additives which FDA has not approved in foods. FDA has not chosen (yet) to regulate current practices of CBD as an additive (FDA has intervened on extreme claims of health benefits made in marketing CBD products).

Finally, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration has a thorough website on potential CBD food and additive information, <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/public-health-focus/fda-regulation-cannabis-and-cannabis-derived-products-including-cannabidiol-cbd>

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<https://today.agrilife.org/2019/07/09/texas-am-agrilife-creates-team-to-answer-hemp-questions/>

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