

INDUSTRIAL HEMP

Michigan's Hemp Regulations Summary

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Michigan's hemp laws are implemented by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). On December 1, 2020, Michigan began operating under USDA's Final Rule regarding domestic hemp production. Michigan has two statutes that regulate industrial hemp:

[Public Act 220 of 2020](#), the Industrial Hemp Growers Act, as amended, authorized the Department to establish a hemp program and regulates hemp grower registration (licensing), preharvest sampling, laboratory requirements and testing, annual inspections, investigations, disposal, remediation, and enforcement.

[Public Act 547 of 2014](#), the Industrial Hemp Research and Development Act, as amended, licenses hemp processor-handlers, which currently includes processing, handling, brokering, and marketing hemp. This Act initially held grower requirements that have been moved to PA 220.

No person may grow hemp without grower registration in Michigan. There are no minimum or maximum acreage restrictions. Growers may apply for registration at any time but will occur a late fee if renewing registration after January 31. The registration cycle runs from February 1 to January 31. Michigan does not require permits for hemp transport. Growers can sell raw industrial hemp only to processors possessing a hemp processor-handler license issued by MDARD or a medical marijuana processor license issued by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Marijuana Regulatory Agency.

Hemp seed is required to meet standard seed law labeling requirements. Phytosanitary certificates are issued when needed. Approximately fifty percent of growers are inspected annually for recordkeeping, signage, and growing location compliance.

The hemp webpage contains numerous [compliance assistance documents](#) on noncompliant lot options, crop acreage reporting to Farm Service Agency, posting, and recordkeeping. Links to additional resources about [how other MDARD programs interact with hemp](#), such as food, feed, weights and measures, fertilizer, and pesticides are also provided.