Hemp is an industry that is evolving at a fast pace with rapid change.

So how can Florida benefit?
It started with SB 1020 and continues with FDACS and the rule making process which is creating the platform for the new industry.
In October, FDACS posted Final Notice of Rulemaking to FAR with no rule challenges.
October 31, 2019, the USDA released its interim final rules for the Hemp Program for the 2018 Farm Bill.
The past 5 weeks, FDACS Hemp team has held weekly calls with the USDA, DEA, NASDA, and other states to receive guidance, feedback, and ideas.
FDACS preparedness and takeaways from USDA Interim Final Rule:
FL Hemp Program

Food Safety

• Hemp Extract (CBD intended for ingestion) incorporated into existing FS programs. Effective January 1, 2020.

• Permitting, testing, and enforcement for processing, manufacturing, distributing, and retailing.


Animal Feed

• Hemp Extract in animal feed incorporated into existing AES programs. Effective January 1, 2020.

• Permitting, testing, and enforcement for processing, manufacturing, distributing, and retailing.
Hemp Seed

• Hemp seed incorporated into existing AES programs. Effective January 2020.

• Seed Available for Cultivation:
  • Certified Seed?
  • Pilot Project Hemp Seed
The FDACS proposed rules are closely aligned with the USDA Interim Final Rules, however the cultivation rule differs in three areas:

1. Sampling
2. Testing
3. Destruction
FDACS will amend the cultivation rule to align with USDA.

FDACS is seeking Statutory Revisions to State Hemp Program.

FDACS is seeking funding for State Hemp Program.
Our LBR request was $9.9 million.

As indicated, the USDA interim rules will have additional fiscal impact that FDACS is currently working through.

We anticipate an amended request estimated at $11 million.
Looking Ahead

1. Education
2. Industry Development
3. Banking
4. Fresh From Florida / “Made with Florida Hemp”
5. Research continued through the universities
   1. UF
   2. FAMU
   3. FSU
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