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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## HEMP PROGRAM Annual Summary 2019

## Synopsis:

The Nebraska Hemp Farming Act (the Act) was signed into law by Governor Ricketts on May 30, 2019 with an emergency clause to implement immediately. The Act created the framework for the Nebraska Hemp Program and Nebraska Hemp Commission. It also stipulated that the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) submit a state hemp plan to the USDA no later than December 31, 2019. Until Nebraska had a state hemp plan approved by USDA, NDA could operate a pilot program for research purposes. As required by the Act, NDA randomly selected ten applicants for participation in the pilot program. Ultimately, nine of the ten applicants planted cannabinoid type hemp and seven of them were able to harvest a crop. NDA submitted the Nebraska state hemp plan for approval on December 20, 2019.

## **Statistics:**

- 10 cultivator licensing agreements
- 2 processor-handler licensing agreements

Disposal Summary	
	Destroyed due to noncompliance
Lots	2 out of 19
Outdoor (acres)	1
Indoor (sq ft)	0