

Synopsis:

The Nebraska state hemp plan, submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on December 20, 2019, was approved on January 28, 2020. With approval from the USDA, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) was able to fully implement the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act (the Act) and begin issuing licenses for the cultivation, processing, handling, and brokering of hemp in Nebraska. NDA made application for licensure available on February 3, 2020. In addition to the changes with USDA approval, the Nebraska legislature introduced LB1152 on January 22, 2020. This bill clarified definitions in the Act, clarified transportation requirements, and aligned with the 2018 Farm Bill regulations as they existed at that time. This bill was signed into law by Governor Ricketts on August 7, 2020. This first year presented several challenges for cultivators as they navigated a new crop, new industry, and new regulatory framework.

Statistics:

- **84 cultivator licenses**
- **18 processor-handler licenses**
- **11 broker licenses**

Licensed-Planted-Harvested Summary		
	Indoor (sq ft)	Outdoor (acres)
Licensed	294,423	1,889.59
Planted	134,481	338.80
Harvested	117,146	223.78

Disposal Summary	
Destroyed due to noncompliance	
Lots	27 out of 177
Outdoor (acres)	24.04
Indoor (sq ft)	16,893

