

Synopsis:

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) published the final rule on January 19, 2021 which provided regulations governing the production of hemp in the United States. These regulations took effect on March 22, 2021 and included changes to the harvest window, negligence threshold, sampling protocols, and introduced the concept of remediation for noncompliant crops. Despite new federal regulations, the Nebraska state hemp plan and Nebraska Hemp Farming Act were not impacted by the revisions. Licensees in 2021 cultivated, processed, handled, and brokered hemp under the same rules as 2020. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture contracted with a local company, Kennebec Analytical Services, based out of Lincoln for all pre-harvest compliance testing in 2021.

Statistics:

- **62 cultivator licenses**
- **18 processor-handler licenses**
- **4 broker licenses**

Licensed-Planted-Harvested Summary		
	Indoor (sq ft)	Outdoor (acres)
Licensed	266,613	886.03
Planted	71,576	245.43
Harvested	51,598	225.02

Disposal Summary	
Destroyed due to noncompliance	
Lots	7 out of 133
Outdoor (acres)	2.56
Indoor (sq ft)	9,600

