

**Synopsis:**

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) Hemp Program saw the number of licensees decrease for a second consecutive year. Of the forty cultivator licensees, twenty-five planted hemp. It is expected the demand for licenses will continue to decline in 2023. There were no changes to state or federal hemp rules in 2022. A bill, LB889, was introduced in the Nebraska legislature to align the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act with the USDA Final Rule. However, the bill did not advance to law. NDA has contracted with Minova Laboratories in Lafayette, CO for 2023 pre-harvest compliance testing.

**Statistics:**

- **40 cultivator licenses**
- **9 processor-handler licenses**
- **4 broker licenses**

<b>Licensed-Planted-Harvested Summary</b>		
	Indoor (sq ft)	Outdoor (acres)
<b>Licensed</b>	131,308	801.66
<b>Planted</b>	31,160	280.46
<b>Harvested</b>	22,992	273.83
<b>Voluntary Disposal</b>	8,075	6.63

<b>Disposal Summary</b>	
Destroyed due to noncompliance	
<b>Lots</b>	1 out of 70
<b>Outdoor (acres)</b>	0
<b>Indoor (sq ft)</b>	48

