UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

USDA DOMESTIC HEMP PRODUCTION PROGRAM

**USDA HEMP LICENSE APPLICATION**

**Instructions:**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will accept applications from August 1st to October 31st of each year. All applications, whether new or for renewal, must comply with the requirements as described in 7 CFR Part 990. Once USDA approves an application, USDA will issue a producer license. Licenses are valid until December 31st of the third year from the date issued and do not automatically renew. Licenses must be renewed every three years and must include an updated criminal history report.

As part of the application process, individual applicants and key participants of a business must also submit a completed Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) Identity History Summary (<https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks>). USDA will not accept criminal history reports completed more than 60 days before the submission of an application.

USDA will approve or deny license applications within 60 calendar days, and applicants will be notified of the result either by letter or email.

All information submitted must be accurate, legible, and complete. Complete and submit this application along with your completed FBI Identity History Summary to:

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| By Mail:  USDA/AMS/Specialty Crops Program  Hemp Branch  470 L’Enfant Plaza S.W.  Post Office Box 23192  Washington, D.C. 20026 | Or via Fax at:  (202) 720-8938 |

**□ New Application □ Renewal Application**

**1) Personal Information.**

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| Applicant Name: *(First, Middle, Last)* | |
| Mailing Address: *(Street, City, State, Zip Code)* | |
| Email Address: | Telephone Number: |

**2) Business Entity. (***Only complete this section if applicant represents a business entity)*

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| Entity Name and EIN Number: | |
| Principal Business Address: *(Street, City, State, Zip Code)* | Business Email Address: |
| Telephone Number: |
| *Name (First, Middle, Last) and Title of Key Participants: (Each Key Participant must include a completed FBI Identity History Summary. Key Participants are persons who have a direct or indirect financial interest in the entity producing hemp, such as an owner or partner in a partnership.  A key participant also includes persons at executive levels including chief executive officer, chief operating officer and chief financial officer.)*  1)  2)  3)  Please attach any additional names to this application. | |

**3) Criminal History Report** *(Include for both new applications and renewal applications)*

Include a completed FBI Identity History Summary for each applicant and/or key participant of the business entity. More information on this process is available of the FBI website: <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks>. The FBI Identity History Summary must be current and have been completed within 60 days of submission of this application. If the FBI Identity History Summary reveals that the applicant or a key participant has a felony conviction related to a controlled substance under State or Federal law that occurred within 10 years of the application, the applicant will not be licensed under the USDA Domestic Hemp Production Program.

**4) Who has legal authority and ownership of the land on which you intend to grow hemp?**

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**By signing below, all applicants agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the USDA Domestic Hemp Production Program, 7 CFR Part 990, and certify the accuracy of the information provided in this application is accurate and truthful.**

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Print Name (First, Middle, Last) Title Date Signature

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