



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service



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Dear Mr. White,

Thank you for your comments.

NASS serves the department and U.S. agriculture as the primary statistical data collection organization within USDA. With regard to statistics on hemp, we are working with several USDA programmatic agencies including USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), Risk Management Agency (RMA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and the Economic Research Service (ERS) to understand the department's needs in providing better services to the public.

Some of your comments refer to specific programmatic issues. We will forward those to the appropriate agency for consideration. You may also be interested in AMS's public engagement and rulemaking website on [hemp](#) for further background.

NASS looks forward to collecting data relevant to your industry and make the data as useful as possible for all stakeholders. Your comments and the comments of other members of the public are invaluable to ensure this usefulness and relevance.

Sincerely,

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