

# HEMP LAW ENFORCEMENT SEARCH TOOL

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Per federal law, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will offer law enforcement a tool to search for information about hemp producers for use in monitoring, compliance, and investigatory purposes.



## ABOUT HEMP LICENSING:

### IS IT LEGAL TO GROW HEMP IN THE UNITED STATES?

The 2018 Farm Bill legalized the production of hemp under certain restrictions. Hemp is a variety of the *Cannabis sativa L.* plant species. The law states that hemp must contain no more than 0.3% tetrahydrocannabinol concentration (THC), the psychoactive component found in marijuana. These requirements were further detailed in 7 CFR 990 Establishment of a Domestic Hemp Production Program.

### WHAT IS A HEMP LICENSE?

A hemp license is an authorization to legally produce hemp. It is granted by either the USDA or by a State or Tribal government.

### HOW IS HEMP PRODUCTION TIED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT?

The USDA is legally required to provide law enforcement “real-time” information about who is growing hemp and the status of their license. USDA must also make information available to law enforcement regarding the location, amount, and intended use of the hemp being grown.

## ABOUT THE HEMP LAW ENFORCEMENT SEARCH TOOL:

### WHY MIGHT I USE THE HEMP LAW ENFORCEMENT SEARCH TOOL?

Law enforcement officials can use the tool to search for information about who is growing hemp, where it's being grown, and whether the grower's license is in good standing with the regulatory body that issued the license. Officials can search by a variety of criteria such as a producer's name, growing state, and growing county. The tool will return a list of licenses that meet the search criteria. You will also have the option to view these growing locations on a map.

### WHEN CAN I START USING THE HEMP LAW ENFORCEMENT SEARCH TOOL?

The tool will be available beginning in September 2021.



# ACCESSING THE SEARCH TOOL:

## STEP 1: REQUEST ACCESS TO THE TOOL

To request access to the tool, email [farmbill.hemp@usda.gov](mailto:farmbill.hemp@usda.gov) with your name, contact information, and law enforcement department details. Please note that an individual request must be made by everyone in your department that would like access to the tool.

## STEP 2: OBTAIN A USDA eAUTHENTICATION ACCOUNT

eAuth is a USDA credentialing system that allows you to securely access the search tool. To create an account:

### Create an eAuth Account

- [Create an eAuth account](#) with “Customer” as your account type
- Confirm your email address and enter your account information

### Verify your identity through eAuth

- [Visit your account details page](#), logging in using your eAuth username (email address) and password
- Click the “Verify My Identity” link under the Login Information section
- Enter your date of birth and whether you would like to verify your identity online or in-person
  - **Online Identity Verification (recommended):** With a U.S. home address, you can verify your identity online by answering a few questions that only you would know.
  - **In-Person Identity Verification:** Some people are not able to verify their identity online, as the eAuth system may not have enough historical credit data to create questions for you. If that is the case, [find your closest USDA Local Registration Authority \(LRA\) office](#) and call to make an in-person appointment.

## STEP 3: USE INVITATION TO LOG IN

Once the USDA has approved your request, you will receive an email invitation to use the tool. Click on the link in the email to log in using your eAuth credentials obtained in Step 2.

# USING THE SEARCH TOOL:

## SEARCH

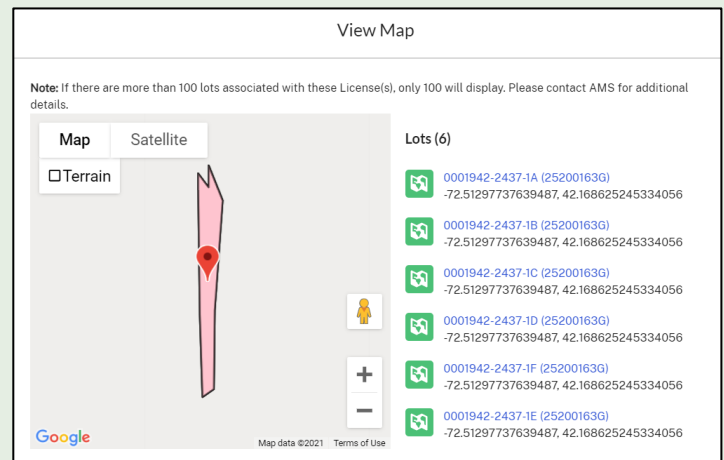
Once in the tool, officials may search for hemp information using a variety of criteria such as producer name, growing state, growing county, license number, phone number, etc. The tool is flexible and allows the user to search by one (e.g., Growing State is “California”) or multiple criteria (e.g., Growing State is “California” and Producer Name is “John Doe”).

## REVIEW RESULTS

Based on the query and the available data, the tool will return a list of licenses matching the search criteria. It will provide licensee information such as the licensee’s name, license status, and issue and expiration dates.

## MAPPING RESULTS

Along with a list of licenses matching the search criteria, the official will have an option to view the growing location(s) on a map. These locations, or “Lots”, will appear as pins on a map, as shown above.



## WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Contact the U.S. Domestic Hemp Production Program at (202) 720-2491 or [farmbill@.hemp@usda.gov](mailto:farmbill@.hemp@usda.gov).