

Why grow hemp?

Hemp is the number one biomass producer on the planet. Over 600,000 acres of hemp grow worldwide today in Spain, China, Japan, Korea, England, and elsewhere. Global hemp sales top \$500 million per year, with around \$250 million in US sales alone. Feral hemp, or ditchweed, is a remnant of the industrial hemp once grown on more than 400,000 acres by US farmers.

Hemp Is Extremely Versatile

Hemp is an annual plant that matures in as little as 100 days and produces 4 times a year. All parts of the plants can be used for production. It can be used for food and to make biodiesel, plastic, composite building material, and over 25,000 other products.

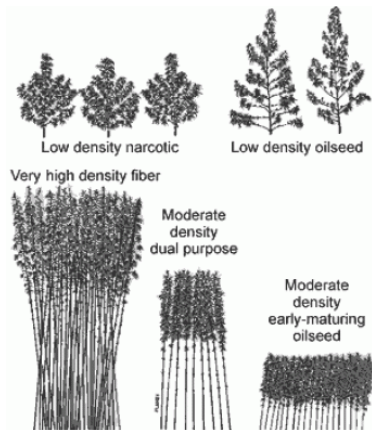
Hemp Is Easy To Grow

Hemp is naturally resistant to most pests. It requires less fertilizer and little to no pesticides or herbicides than other crops such as corn, wheat, or cotton. It is insensitive to cold temperatures and can withstand frost down to -5 degrees. Seeds can germinate down to 1-3 degrees. It can be grown on a variety of soils, but does best on loose, well-drained loam soils. Hemp leaves a weed free field for a following crop.

Use Existing Equipment

Hemp is easy to harvest. Crops are typically harvested by sickle bar mowers, balers, combines, and hay swathers. Most farms with crops are already equipped to grow hemp. Hemp grown for fiber should be sown with a broadcast seeder or grain drill.

It is easy to distinguish between industrial hemp and recreational/medicinal cannabis:



Farming Hemp:

Hemp requires 10"-13" of water. Plant 200-300 plants/square meter to shade out weeds. Seeding temp: 42-46F. Germinates within 1 week with warm temperatures and good moisture. Harvest should begin as soon as last pollen is shed. Grows 8-15' in 3-4 mo.

