



Industrial Hemp

On April 7, 2020, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance and lifted the moratorium on cultivating Industrial Hemp. The ordinance places certain restrictions on the growing and processing of Industrial Hemp and requires the applicant to obtain a use permit. The ordinance can be found here <https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/industrial-hemp-tulare-county-ordinance-pdf/>.

The Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office has checklists available showing what is required to register for Industrial Hemp. Depending on whether you are a Grower, Seed Breeder, Agricultural Research Institution or a Processor determines what you are required to submit to our office. The checklists can be found here <https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/hemp/application-checklists-pdf/>.

At this time all growers and seed breeders are required to provide the county with a California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) registration which will be, once reviewed by the county, be provided to CDFA. When listing the cultivars on your application make sure they are approved. Certified cultivars are grown for grain and fiber. We need to have proof of certification submitted with your application if you plan on using this type of seed. If you are not going to use certified seed and if you are going to use seed grown in the state of California, you need to provide the grower's lab results and the county approved registration information (including any and all cover letters) that was provided by the grower of the seed when you submit your application. If you are going to use seed produced in the United States but outside of California, you need to have the grower of the seed provide you a copy of their registration (including any cover letters) with their state and a copy of their lab results for the seeds you are going to plant.

The CDFA Industrial Hemp registration application for growers can be found at <https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/hemp/ih-registration-application-growers-county-pdf/>

The CDFA Industrial Hemp registration application for seed breeders can be found at: <https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/hemp/ih-registration-applications-breeders-county-pdf/>

Information on Industrial Hemp from CDFA can be found on their website at: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp/>

The ordinance requires an Industrial Hemp Tulare County Permit. Depending on whether you are a Grower, Seed Breeder, Established Agricultural Research Institution or a Processor determines what type of permit you are required to submit to our office. You can obtain the application for the permit below:

- Grower Permit application click here <https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/permit-growers-application-pdf/>.

- Seed Breeder Permit application click here <https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/permit-breeders-application-pdf/>.
- Agricultural Research Institution Permit application click here <https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/permit-established-agricultural-research-institutions-application-pdf/>.
- Processor Permit application click here <https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/permit-processing-application-pdf/>.

It is important that you do not start planting Industrial Hemp until you have received approval from the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. We will be reviewing your application information and will be sending you a document in the mail either approving or denying your application. If your application is approved, you can start planting on May 7, 2020 or later. That is the date when the ordinance takes effect.

For a list of Frequently Asked Question click here <https://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us/ag/index.cfm/faq-without-links-pdf/>.