New Mexico Department of Agriculture's Role in Hemp/Cannabis

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Regulatory Goals

- I. Create an even playing field for industry
- II. Provide for consumer and industry protection
- III. Ensure services provided by NMDA are efficient and fare
- IV. Operate a program under USDA requirements

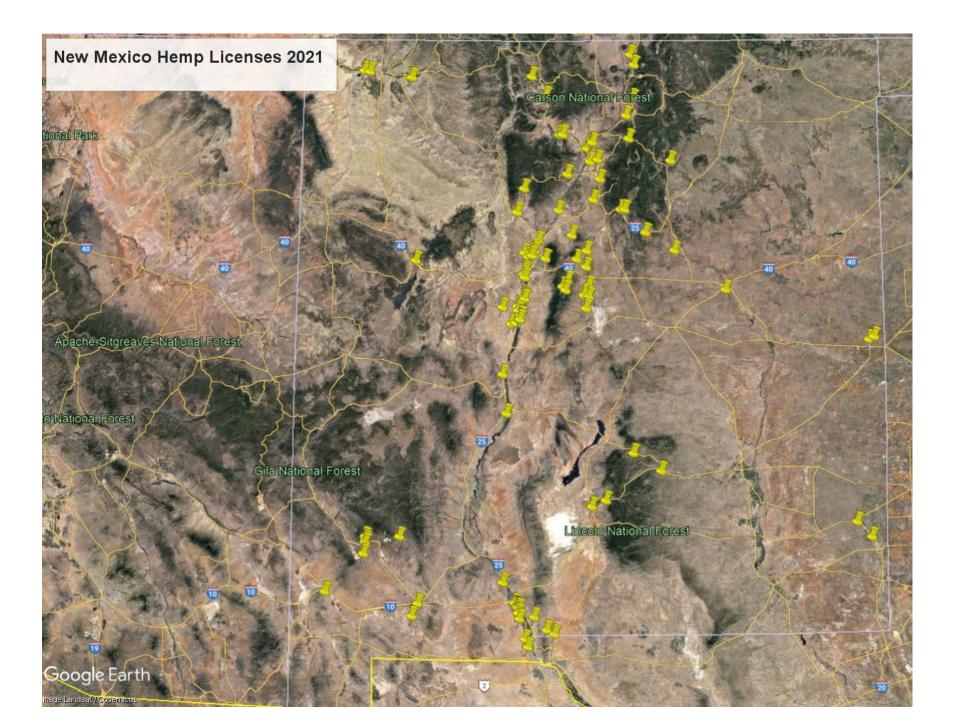
NMDA REGULATORY ROLES (primarily pre-harvest)

- Licensing
 - Issuing of hemp licenses
 - Annual
 - Continuous
 - Hemp breeders'
- Hemp harvest inspection services
 - Approved sample collection for THC testing
 - Testing conducted by state approved laboratories
- Issuance of harvest certificates
 - Certifies crop meets definition of hemp at time of testing



Recent Hemp Statistics (New Mexico)

	2019	2020	2021
Annual licenses	252	161	60
Acreage (Annual)	6,035 acres	2,097 acres	469 acres
<u>Continuous licenses</u>	100	115	48
Square feet (Continuous)	7,165,881 sq. ft.	6,731,923 sq. ft.	10,063,384 sq. ft.



National Level

- January 1, 2022-all hemp growing states (tribes) shall be operating either under one of the following:
 - USDA approved regulatory plan; or
 - Turn regulatory services over to USDA

CBD not approved as a food additive by FDA

Hemp products not approved as a feed stock

Increased interest in industrial uses

NMDA Statutory-Based Duties (hemp & cannabis)

- I. Weigh Scale
- II. Seed Sales (for planting)
- III. Nursery
- IV. Pesticides



II. Seed Sales for Planting

Labeling Requirements
Kind/Variety
Germination
Inert Matter
Treatment (pesticide)
Test Date (9 month expiration)
Lot number





12 Seed /\$100.00

III. Plant Nursery

A. Sale of viable plants considered a plant nursery

B. Requirement to be licensed and

inspected









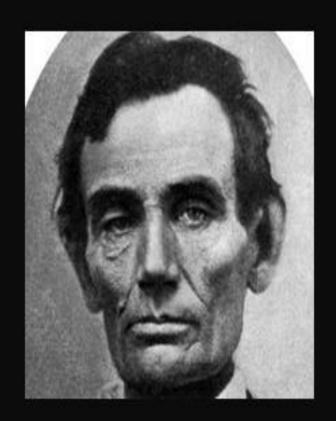


IV. Pesticide Registration (cannabis)

- A. All pesticides sold, used etc. within a state are registered by each states' dept. of agriculture, including those used in cannabis
- B. States rely of EPA to review pesticide active ingredients for safety within its intended use

C. Problems:

- a. EPA does not review pesticide active ingredients for use in cannabis
- b. Cannabis sold for a variety of uses that are unique to the plant
 - 1. Inhalation
 - 2. Topical
 - 3. Ingestion
 - 4. Suppositories



Two of my favorite things are sitting on my front porch smoking a pipe of sweet hemp, and playing my Hohner harmonica.