

# Hemp Pesticides - State Perspective

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# What is Hemp?

► **Federal Definition** (7 U.S. Code § 1639o)

The term “hemp” means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of that plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.

1. Multi-use crop
2. Majority grown for cannabidiol (CBD) - infused into edible and non-edible products

# 5 Key Pesticide Regulatory Challenges

1. Inexperienced farmers navigating pesticide regulatory system
2. Absence of hemp tolerances/FDA restrictions on THC & CBD
3. State laws that permit CBD in food - residue testing?
4. Land use - conventional vs. hemp/cannabis farmers
5. Enforcement difficulties
  - 2(ee) for application methods including aerial
  - Final product - food or non-food?
  - Hemp sold at farmers markets for questionable purposes

# Final Thought...

Education, collaboration, and communication = key to success for regulated community and regulators

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