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South Dakota Industrial Hemp Program Grower Timeline of Events

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Event	Detail
Apply for license	Allow adequate time to submit application and obtain Federal and State background checks.
Plant Industrial hemp crop	Allowed to plant only after grower license is received.
Submit Planting Verification Inspection request to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture (the Department) within 30 days after planting.	All Lots must be identified by seed variety and at least 5 acres in size. GPS coordinates of Lots will be verified. At harvest sampling, if a Lot tests out of THC compliance and is not clearly identified and visibly identifiable as a Lot, all licensed Lots may be subject to destruction.
Certify Industrial hemp crop acreage with USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)	This process takes time, so start working with your local FSA as soon as possible and provide all of the documentation they require. You can find your local FSA at: offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app Must include street address and geospatial information for each Industrial hemp Lot and a copy of your Industrial Hemp Grower License. Report each Lot separately.
Random Department site inspection	Random Inspections may include record audits, site inspections, sampling, and testing.
Submit Grower Inspection Sample Request 30 days prior to harvest	Submit request to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) 30 days prior to planned harvest date to allow time to schedule regulatory Industrial hemp sampling.
Harvest	After a Lot is sampled, it must be harvested within 15 days.
Total THC testing by approved testing facility	Samples collected during the pre-harvest inspection will be tested for total THC content on a dry weight basis. Grower may harvest after DPS takes samples, but Lots may not be commingled until a certificate of analysis (COA) is received showing THC compliance.
Certificate of analysis (COA) and Lot release	Lab will send certificate of analysis to the Department. The Department will release the COA to the grower. The COA will indicate whether the samples passed or failed. If the COA indicates the sample passed, the Lot associated with that sample is cleared for commerce. Keep a copy of the COA with all Lots during transport and sale. For any Lots with failed tests, submit a Crop Disposal Report to the Department and get disposal instructions.
Certify Industrial hemp harvest yields with USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)	Make sure to report each Lot separately with the corresponding planted acres certifications and FSA Identifying information.