



South Carolina  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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Hugh E. Weathers, Commissioner

## INDUSTRIAL HEMP GROWERS APPLICATION

***Applications not completed and postmarked or hand-delivered by June 29, 2018 will be denied***

Complete all parts of the following application and submit this application, the \$50 nonrefundable application fee, and all required attachments to: **South Carolina Department of Agriculture, Industrial Hemp Pilot Program, PO Box 11280, Columbia, SC 29211.** Email submissions will not be accepted. Be sure to keep a copy of the full application for your records. SCDA is not responsible for missing information due to applicant's formatting or printing errors. All information submitted must be accurate, legible, and complete. If any information herein is later determined by SCDA to be inaccurate, the permit may be withheld or terminated.

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed and signed application
- Signed Acknowledgments Page
- Provided FSA Farm Number
- Letter of Intent with a hemp processor/manufacturer
- Letter of Intent with a South Carolina College or University *(as defined in SC Code Section 46-55-20(2))*
- Payment of \$50 application fee *\*At time of issuing each permit, there will be an additional \$500 permit fee*

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

FSA Farm #: \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTIONS

1. Indicate the focus of your 2019 project (check all that apply)

- Grain
- Fiber
- Floral Material (CBD, other pytocannabinoids, terpenoids, or any other extracts)
- Replication of seeds
- Replication of vegetative planting stock
- Other (describe):

2. Are you or other listed signing authorities a current SCDA employee(s) or do any of the signing authorities listed have any related family working as a current SCDA employee?  Yes  No

*“Family” means spouse and children, as well as a person who is related to a public servant as any of the following, whether by blood, marriage, or adoption: parent, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, half sister.*

3. If you answered “Yes” to question 2, complete the following table. If “No”, skip to question 4.

Applicant (Signing Authority)	Name of current SCDA employee who is a family member	Relationship	SCDA Office (If known)

4. Provide a list of all individuals who will be primarily responsible for the growing, handling, or transporting of the Applicant’s industrial hemp. List each person’s name, address, driver’s license number, and responsibilities associated with this project. Attach additional sheet(s) if necessary.

Name	City	State	Driver’s License Number & State	Specific Responsibilities Related to this Industrial Hemp Project

5. Have you filed an IRS Schedule F\* federal tax form at least once in the last three years?  Yes  No

*\* SCDA reserves the right to inspect these documents; submission of this completed application is consent by the applicant to provide any of these documents upon request by SCDA.*

6. Briefly describe your agricultural education, experience, or background. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

**7. If any of your fields, greenhouses, or storage locations are leased, please indicate whether you have authorization from the owner allowing industrial hemp research to be conducted on the property.**

Yes    No    I am the property owner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Signature (if different from grower) \_\_\_\_\_

**8. What is your (grower) intended marketing plan for the crop?**

Check here if the answer to this question contains proprietary information.    Yes    No

**If yes, please include as an attachment why the information is proprietary.**

**9. Have you ever been convicted of any felony or convicted of any drug-related misdemeanor violation in the previous 10 years from the date of this application?**

Yes    No   **If yes, provide dates and details about the conviction(s) which have occurred.**

*Note: Per SC Code Section 46-55-20 (4), applicants will be required to consent to a state criminal records check, supported by fingerprints and a national criminal records check, supported by fingerprints. At the appropriate time, the applicant will be directly contacted by an employee of SCDA to have the check conducted. It is not necessary to have the records check conducted prior to the submission of this application.*

## GROWING AREA

Each industrial hemp permit holder is only allowed to grow up to **40** acres total.

Farm 1	Farm Address 1	City	State	ZIP	County	Own or Rent
				SC		
	Farm 1 Field ID/Name	GPS: Latitude <i>Ex: 33° 59' 58.831" N</i>	GPS: Longitude <i>Ex: 81° 2' 3.632" W</i>		Acres	
Field						
Field						
Field						
Field						
Attach map of this address.						

Farm 2	Farm Address 2	City	State	ZIP	County	Own or Rent
				SC		
	Farm 2 Field ID/Name	GPS: Latitude <i>Ex: 33° 59' 58.831" N</i>	GPS: Longitude <i>Ex: 81° 2' 3.632" W</i>		Acres	
Field						
Field						
Field						
Field						
Attach map of this address.						

## RESEARCH

Applicants are required to select one or more research purposes on their application to participate in the SC Industrial Hemp Pilot Program. The purposes are listed below. Your selected research purpose must match that of the information provided on the college/university Letter of Intent.

- Studying and investigating marketplace opportunities for hemp products to increase the job base in the State by means of employment related to the production of industrial hemp.
- Studying and investigating methods of industrial hemp cultivation that are best suited to soil conservation and restoration.
- Analyzing the growth of industrial hemp for agronomy research and analysis of required soils, growing conditions, and harvest methods relating to the production of industrial hemp varieties that may be suitable for various hemp products.
- Conducting seed research on various types of industrial hemp that are best suited to be grown in South Carolina, including seed availability, creation of South Carolina hybrid seeds, and in-the-ground variety trials and seed production.
- Reporting on the estimated value-added benefits, including environmental benefits, of South Carolina-grown industrial hemp varieties to South Carolina businesses.
- Researching the development of industrial hemp and commercial markets for South Carolina industrial hemp and hemp products.
- Studying the feasibility of acquiring federal or private funding for the South Carolina industrial hemp research program.
- Studying the use of industrial hemp in new energy technologies, including electricity generation, biofuels, or other forms of energy resources; the use of hemp seed oil in the production of fuels; and the production costs, environmental issues, and costs and benefits involved with the use of industrial hemp for energy.

**RESEARCH PLAN. Explain in detail the industrial hemp research you are interested in conducting in conjunction with a qualifying college or university. Incomplete answers to this question may result in the application's removal from consideration.**

## END USE INTENTIONS

Please check off your intended end use for all plants grown under this permit.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Bedding  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultivars               | <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biofuel         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dietary Supplement      | <input type="checkbox"/> Phytoremediation      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CBD Extraction  | <input type="checkbox"/> DNA Sequencing/Genetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Seed to Sell          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cloning         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiber                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Seed Stock            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compost         | <input type="checkbox"/> Food/Drink Additive     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cosmetic/Beauty | <input type="checkbox"/> Hempcrete               |  |

Please affirm Applicant's agreement to the following terms and conditions for an industrial hemp permit.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, having legal authority to bind Applicant to the terms and conditions of this application for an industrial hemp permit, hereby acknowledge state and federal laws governing the cultivation of industrial hemp in South Carolina. In exchange for consideration of this application, I further acknowledge, understand, and agree to each of the following terms and conditions of a license from SCDA to cultivate industrial hemp.

1. Any information obtained by SCDA may be disclosed to law enforcement agencies without further notice to me, the Applicant, the owner of the property licensed for cultivation of industrial hemp, or any of our representatives(s).
2. I agree to allow any inspection of sampling that is deemed necessary relative to this application for an industrial hemp license or its resulting hemp crop.
3. I agree to submit all reports or statements requested by SCDA relative to this application for an industrial hemp permit or its resulting hemp crop, including the crop's harvest, disposition, and transport.
4. I warrant that I have not been convicted of a felony in any country.
5. I warrant that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, no partner, director, or member otherwise associated with the Applicant named above, if applicable, has been convicted of a felony in any country.
6. I warrant that all documents and information submitted in support of this application for an industrial hemp permit are authentic, correct, and complete to the best of my information and belief.
7. I acknowledge and understand that permit issuance to cultivate industrial hemp is conditioned upon my participation with the South Carolina Department of Agriculture's Industrial Hemp Pilot Program and that my actions with respect to the growth, cultivation, harvest, or transportation of industrial hemp otherwise subject me to obligations and regulations imposed under United States law, South Carolina law, and potentially the laws of other states.

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**APPLICANT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Read each of the acknowledgment statements below and check “Yes” or “No” to indicate your understanding and acceptance of each statement.

I acknowledge that my application, the \$50 nonrefundable application fee, and all required attachments must be postmarked or hand-delivered to SCDA no later than June 29, 2018 at 5:00 PM ET. Email submissions will not be accepted. SCDA is not responsible for missing information due to applicant’s formatting or printing errors. SCDA is not responsible for applications lost in the mail or not received.

Yes  No

I acknowledge that SCDA is not obligated to ask follow-up questions during the application review process. The written responses on this application and attachments should be the sole source of information under consideration for potential participation in the SCDA Industrial Hemp Pilot Program.

Yes  No

I acknowledge that this is a selective process and not every application will be approved for participation.

Yes  No

I acknowledge that the following fees will apply, in addition to the \$50 nonrefundable application fee, if my application is approved:

- Each grower selected as a recipient of one of SCDA’s permits will be required to pay the permit fee of \$500.00 prior to receiving an active permit. *\*If an individual declines paying the \$500.00 permit fee, that individual may be subject to disqualification.*

Yes  No

I acknowledge that, upon request from SCDA or South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division, or other state or local law enforcement officers, participants must immediately produce a copy of their permit or letters of intent for inspection.

Yes  No

I acknowledge that, if approved for participation, SCDA and other state or local law enforcement agencies may enter into any premises where industrial hemp or hemp products are cultivated, processed, or stored, with or without advance notice, with or without cause.

Yes  No

I acknowledge that all physical addresses and GPS coordinates of the location(s) to be used to grow, handle, or store industrial hemp must be submitted with this application. This application constitutes written consent by the applicant to allow SCDA personnel access to any research pilot location as deemed necessary by SCDA for evaluation, verification of compliance, and progress of industrial hemp research.

Yes  No

I acknowledge that my name and all growing and storage locations will be conveyed to the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division, the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and other law enforcement agencies. In addition, my name and county will be released to the public.

Yes  No

**I acknowledge that I shall be available on location by appointment for on-site visits by SCDA or others for the purpose of inspection or sampling.**

Yes  No

**I acknowledge the inherent risk associated with participation in a research program focusing on a new crop. I acknowledge that both personal and financial loss may be possible, and agree that SCDA is not responsible for reimbursing or compensating any participant for any loss resulting from involvement with the Industrial Hemp Pilot Program.**

Yes  No

**I acknowledge that grower participants are required to reapply on an annual basis and pay all required annual program fees. Past participation does not guarantee or imply automatic approval for future participation.**

Yes  No

**I recognize that outside of the SCDA Industrial Hemp Pilot Program, industrial hemp is listed under 21 U.S.C. § 801 *et seq.* as a Schedule 1 Controlled Substance. As such, it is illegal to grow industrial hemp in South Carolina outside the auspices of SCDA's pilot program. If selected for a permit and my permit is terminated or expires, I will not be allowed to grow industrial hemp in any form. Unless current federal law changes, I will be required to divest possession of all such industrial hemp materials to an approved program participant, or destroy all in-program industrial hemp materials by the expiration or termination of my permit.**

Yes  No

**I acknowledge pesticide applications can legally be allowed on industrial hemp, but only when the use is tied to a research project or program that is being conducted by a university or college faculty or staff member licensed in Demonstration and Research Pest Control or if a state issued Experimental Use Permit (EUP) is obtained prior to conducting research. Pesticides are not approved for use on Industrial Hemp unless they are being used for research purposes (only individuals with a Demonstration and Research License or an EUP can make pesticide applications). If pesticides are used, one must know that there are no federal tolerances established for pesticide residues on Industrial Hemp and the product cannot be legally sold for human or animal consumption under FDA and EPA regulations.**

Yes  No

**I acknowledge all domestic seed procurement, seed selection and seed transportation needs and requirements are solely the responsibility of the permit holder, and SCDA assumes no responsibility. SCDA will assist growers source international seeds by way of the department's DEA import license.**

Yes  No





## ATTACHMENTS

Check all attachments below that you are submitting with this application. In addition to those listed, attachments may include extended answers to any question in the application, a business plan, or other supporting documents. If the attachment is supplementary information to a question in this form, be sure to 1) include the question number on the document; and 2) start each new question attachment on a new page. **If the attachment is proprietary or confidential, please mark each page of the document as such, and include on the attachment cover page why you consider this material to be proprietary or confidential.**

- REQUIRED:** Application Fee - cash or check for \$50 made payable to South Carolina Department of Agriculture
- REQUIRED:** FSA Farm Number \_\_\_\_\_
- REQUIRED:** Farm, greenhouse, and storage maps (including name, address, field ID, field GPS coordinates)
- REQUIRED:** Letter of intent from processor/manufacturer
- REQUIRED:** Letter of intent from a qualifying South Carolina college or university
- Other attachment (describe): \_\_\_\_\_
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**I hereby verify and affirm that all of the information contained in this application is true and accurate. I understand that if SCDA later determines any of this information to be inaccurate, the application and permit may be withheld or terminated.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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**Mail completed application, nonrefundable application fee, and all attachments to:**

South Carolina Department of Agriculture  
Attn: Industrial Hemp Pilot Program  
P.O. Box 11280  
Columbia, SC 29211

For more information on the SCDA Industrial Hemp Pilot Program, please visit  
**[agriculture.sc.gov](http://agriculture.sc.gov)**

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**Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SCDA Staff Received By:** \_\_\_\_\_