



SELECTION CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS TO CORNELL UNIVERSITY'S 2017 INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH TRIAL

In his 2017 State of the State address, Governor Cuomo announced plans to expand the reach of the state's current industrial hemp research pilot program by removing the statutory limit on the number of sites at which industrial hemp may be grown. New York State has an incredible chance to leverage some of its best assets—its innovative farmers and businesses, top-notch research institutions, ample land and access to water—to cultivate this nascent industry. Toward that end, the Department of Agriculture and Markets (the Department), in cooperation with Cornell University, is conducting an open solicitation for a period of one week for farmers who are interested in growing industrial hemp during the 2017 growing season as part of a Cornell University industrial hemp research trial.

Growers who are selected to participate in the research trial will receive a one-time payment of \$400.00/acre (less the cost of seed which will be provided), and must meet and abide by the guidelines established by both the Department and Cornell University as detailed below.

In addition to the research specific criteria established by Cornell University, applicants seeking to participate in the industrial hemp research trial must meet the following criteria established by the Department:

- The applicant must apply and successfully obtain an authorization from the Department to participate in the program (license). There is a \$500 non-refundable license fee required for this authorization.
- All applicants must be in compliance with all state and federal laws.
- Only applicants utilizing seed imported by Cornell, as a New York State DEA registered importer, are eligible to participate in this program.
- Applicants must provide proof that they are actively engaged in the business of farming. Acceptable forms of proof include participation in Federal Conservation Programs, participation in the Ag. Value Assessment Program, or filing a Federal Schedule F in at least two of the past five years. Other proof of engagement in the business of farming may be accepted at the Department's discretion.
- After selection, the applicant must execute a research partner agreement with the Department in a timely fashion.



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In addition to complying with the requirements established by the Department, listed above, research partners will be required to meet the following criteria established by Cornell University.

- The applicant must be able to meet the requirements of the industrial hemp research trial as established by Cornell University and complete all contracts, agreements and reports required by the university in a timely manner to remain in good standing and receive maximum reimbursement.
- Applicants must execute a hemp seed research agreement as required by the seed company.
- Applicants not working under a pre-existing Department of Agriculture and Markets' industrial hemp authorization, must commit to a minimum of 30 acres of industrial hemp production.
- Applicants must certify that they have access to the necessary equipment to participate in the trial, such as a grain drill and combine.

The Department and Cornell University reserve the right to give preference to larger tracts of land due to administrative and program efficiencies gained by working with larger acreages.

More information about the application process and program guidance is available at: https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/PI/Hemp_Program_Guidance.pdf