

Producing Certified Seed of Industrial Hemp varieties

All participants should understand the seed certification system, its purpose and the standards and regulations that govern the certification of seed. Please read and understand the general certification standards (pages 2 – 12) in the Kansas Certification Standards.

Industrial Hemp seed certification is like any other seed that is certified with the caveat that all State and Federal Regulations specific to industrial hemp must be met before making application to KCIA. All industrial hemp grown in Kansas must be by approval of the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

KCIA does not make determinations on THC content and assumes no responsibility for fields that fail to meet the Kansas Department of Agriculture requirement for THC levels. All costs incurred by KCIA during the certification process will be paid by the applicant regardless of the final legal status of the field.

Currently, all varieties of industrial hemp grown in Kansas have to be approved by the Kansas Department of Agriculture including those under seed certification.

Eligible varieties of Industrial Hemp will be those that have been accepted into certification by an AOSCA (Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies) variety review board or by one of its sister agencies. KCIA at this time does not itself bring new varieties into certification.

Eligible seed will be seed of the proper class of certified seed that has been produced under the oversight of an AOSCA agency, and is accompanied by the official tag, label or document issued by that agency.

Application for field inspection for certification must be made using the KCIA application form. The KDA license number of the applicant must be included.

Applicant must inform KCIA when the field is at the proper stage for inspection. Failure to do so may result in a missed inspection and ineligibility for certification.

KCIA reserves the right to refuse certification for fields that have been planted in a manner not conducive to conducting a thorough inspection whether because of plant density, heavy weed pressure, or by having the field in a remote area difficult to access.

Upon approval by the Kansas Department of Agriculture to harvest the field, the field must be harvested, the seed conditioned for sale, and a sample of the cleaned seed submitted to the KCIA seed laboratory for quality testing (germination, weed seed, inert etc.). KCIA does not analyze THC concentration.

Once the seed has passed quality testing, final certification will be conferred and the applicant can then request official labels or documents from KCIA for the sale of that seed.

Applicant will report the disposition of the seed lot by December 15 of the production year. This will include the amount sold, amount for own use, amount carried over and the amount destroyed.