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# Hemp Licensing Data Report

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Minnesota Statute 18K; Subdivision 5 requires the MDA to:

- Establish written procedures to ensure that Hemp Licensing Data is only accessed by individuals authorized to do so by law and that an authorized agency individual's ability to enter, update, or access data must correspond to the official duties or training level of the individual and to the statutory authorization granting access for that purpose.
- Create a data audit trail for all queries and responses, including the specific purpose for which data is requested and, if applicable, disclosed, and all actions in which data are entered, updated, accessed, shared, or disseminated.
- Revoke the authorization of any individual who willfully entered, updated, accessed, shared, or disseminated data in violation of state or federal law. If an individual willfully gained access to data without authorization by law, the commissioner must forward the matter to the appropriate prosecuting authority for prosecution.
- Submit a hardcopy of the data audit trail by January 15<sup>th</sup> of each odd-numbered year, to the commissioner of administration; the chairs and ranking members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance, public safety, and data practices; and the Legislative Commission on Data Practices and Personal Data Privacy or its successor commission.

This legislative report fulfills MDA's requirement for submission of the data audit trail under Chapter 18K and also verifies that the agency has established the following departmental written policies and procedures for access and handling of public and non-public data by authorized employees and a written procedure for public data requests. **Please contact the MDA for copies of the following policies or procedures:**

**Process for Requesting Data From MDA:** <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/home/requests-data-mda>

**MDA Policy #99-004 – Data Request Policy**

**MDA Policy #19-001 – Data Practices Compliance Policy**

**MDA Policy #15-005 – Data Quality Policy**

**MDA Policy #202-006 – Electronic Record Keeping Requirements**

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**Queries and Reponses for Data Classified as private or nonpublic under § 18K.04**

Date: January 15, 2023

Requester	What data was requested?	Hemp Protected Information purpose	Hemp Disclosure justification	Date Request Received	PPD Staff assigned to respond to request	Description of what was sent	Date information was sent
Crystal Foslien	2021 hemp license and Fit for Commerce Certificate for Lucas Kietzer and Midwest Extraction Services LLC	Needed for banking compliance purposes- asking for customers' data.	Midwest Extraction Services LLC provided a signed Informed Consent to Release form, so the license was provided to the banker.	4/15/2021	Margaret Wiatrowski	Provided a copy of Midwest Extraction Services LLC 2021 License	5/3/2021
Todd Jorgenson- Sergeant in Wright Co Sheriff's Office	Registered hemp grow and processing locations in Wright County for 2021	Requested information to aid with drug law enforcement in Wright County.	Sheriff needs list of registered locations and the specific location data to aid with drug law enforcement in Wright County.	5/13/2021	Margaret Wiatrowski	2021 registered grow and processing locations in Wright Co. and specific location data.	5/14/2021
Joshua Olds	Current hemp locations within Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, and Pine Counties	We provided the information because it is needed for to assist with the Drug Task Force's drug law enforcement. They have had recent reports of possible marijuana grows in their counties so they need to see where the legitimate hemp grows are.	Joshua Olds in an Investigator in the Chisago County Sheriff's Office and the East Central Drug Task Force which oversees Pine, Kanabec, Chisago, and Isanti Counties.	5/18/2021	Margaret Wiatrowski	List of 2021 Hemp grow and processing location information in Pine, Kanabec, Isanti, and Chisago Counties.	5/18/2021
Michelle R. Didrikson	Redacted 2021 license certificate for: D K Farms Inc, Nick Defrang, Hayday Farms LLP, Peaceful Plains LLC	Needed for banking compliance purposes- asking for customers' data.	Informed Consent to Release Information form was signed by licensee	5/22/2021	Nicole Rawski and Margaret W	Redacted licenses	6/3/2021

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Andrew Murphy	Office of Medical Cannabis verification of a pilot project license holder (classified data per Minn. Stat. § 13.643)	MN Statute Chapter 152 allows Medical Cannabis manufacturers to purchase hemp from licensed hemp growers. MDH - Office of Medical Cannabis must confirm with the MDA that the person attempting to sell hemp to one of the state's two manufacturers is a current hemp license holder in good standing with MDA.	Andrew Murphy is an MDH regulatory inspector with the Office of Medical Cannabis  Informed Consent to Release Information form was signed by licensee.	5/25/2021	Anthony Cortilet	Email requesting consent form to allow sharing of not public data.	5/26/2021
Andrew Murphy	Office of Medical Cannabis verification of a pilot project license holder (classified data per Minn. Stat. § 13.643)	MN Statute Chapter 152 allows Medical Cannabis manufacturers to purchase hemp from licensed hemp growers. MDH - Office of Medical Cannabis must confirm with the MDA that the person attempting to sell hemp to one of the state's two manufacturers is a current hemp license holder in good standing with MDA.	Andrew Murphy is an MDH regulatory inspector with the Office of Medical Cannabis.  Informed Consent to Release Information form was signed by licensee	6/2/2021	Anthony Cortilet	UPDATED 6/09/2021****Email sent verifying status	6/9/2021
Logan Armour- Trichome Analytical	2021 Hemp License Holder List	Only public information was provided.	Only public information was provided.	6/21/2021	NiCole Rawski	2021 Hemp License Holder List 6/25/21	7/8/2021
Brianna Johannes Human Resources Generalist/BSA Analyst	2021 hemp licenses for Commerce Certificates for: Boss Farms LLC Cold State Scientific LLC River Top Organics (Joe Walters) Cannanorth LLC	Needed for banking compliance purposes- asking for customers' data.	Informed Consent to Release Information form was signed by licensee	6/22/2021	NiCole Rawski	Redacted hemp license for	7/9/2021

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Darrell McElroy	Data Request for all growers who grew the Industrial Hemp variety FINOLA	Requested information due to seed distributor's exclusive rights to sell this variety of seed.	Only public information was provided.	8/19/2021	NiCole Rawski	Grow location number, licensee name, variety name (Finola) and number of acres	8/31/2021
Theresa M. Bellissimo	Number of grain and fiber applications	Only public information was provided.	Only public information was provided.	8/25/2021	NiCole Rawski	The number of grain and fiber applications received and the acreage	8/25/2021
Robin DeMarais	Copy of our ROI for our bank	Needed for banking compliance purposes- asking for customers' data.	Informed Consent to Release Information form was signed by licensee	9/2/2021	Nicole Rawski	ROI Cert sent to owner	9/2/2021
Redacted per Minn. Stat. 13.643	Hemp Licenses for 2019, 2020, 20201.	Hemp licensee requested his own previous licenses from 2019, 2020, and 2021.	Licenses were provided for the years where this individual was the primary applicant.	9/8/2021	Nicole Rawski	Hemp licenses on which [requestor] is identified as a responsible party. A copy of the 2019 Pilot Project license was not released as MDA requires informed consent from a responsible party for the entity in question directing MDA to provide him with a copy.	9/21/2021
Ryan Capozziello	2021 Data: Licensed Growers, Permitted Acreage for Hemp, Indoor Registered Square Ft. for Hemp, % Acres Planted for CBD, Acres Planted for CBD, Acres Planted Fiber, Acres Planted Hempseed, Harvested Acres CBD, Harvested Acres Hempseed, Harvest Acres Fiber	Only public information was provided.	Only public information was provided.	9/9/2021	Margaret Wiatrowski	Number of licensed growers, permitted acreage for hemp, indoor square footage registered for hemp. All other data we do not have those stats yet. Asked requestor to check back in December for the remaining stats.	10/4/2021

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Joe Groschens and Tami Voigt	Requested information if there were any inspections conducted on MN Grass Hero LLC	Only public information was provided.	Only public information was provided.	9/10/2021	NiCole Rawski	MN Grass Hero LLC is a hemp processor only, not a grower. At this time, we do not conduct inspections on hemp processors.	10/7/2021
Gerald R. Lauer	List of Minnesota cannabis processors/packagegers	Request was for Office of Medical Cannabis and forwarded to them to respond.	Request was for Office of Medical Cannabis and forwarded to them to respond.	9/22/2021	Darin Teske	Email forwarded to Darin Teske with MDH Office of Medical Cannabis. Request was for medical cannabis processors	10/6/2021
Aitkin County Sheriff	Margaret W received a call from a Sheriff of Aitkin County on 10/7/2021. They received a tip of possible Marijuana grow from a game warden and asked for a list of the registered hemp locations in the county to check this location against	Requested information to aid with drug law enforcement.	Margaret W sharing list with sheriff as we are authorized by statute to share location information with law enforcement to assist with criminal matters.	10/7/2021	Margaret Wiatrowski	2021 list of hemp growers in Aitkin County	10/7/2021
Margaret Wiatrowski	Requesting data from the Hemp Program including a list of the registered hemp growers for 2021 that marked down "grain" or "fiber" as a research focus on their application. Request included license names and email addresses. Requested this data in order to recruit growers for next year.	Only public information was provided.	Only public information was provided.	11/23/2021	Nicole Rawski	2021 list of grain & fiber licensees with email address	12/6/2021

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Ryan Capozziello	Price reporting agency in the hemp industry that requested 2021 data	Only public information was provided.	Only public information was provided.	12/6/2021	Nicole Rawski	2021 Data including: Number of licensed Growers, Permitted Acreage for Hemp, Indoor Registered Square Ft. for Hemp, % Acres Planted for CBD, Acres Planted for CBD Acres Planted Fiber, Acres Planted Hempseed, Harvested Acres CBD, Harvested Acres Hempseed, Harvest Acres Fiber	12/10/2021

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Grant Fessler	<p>For 2021:                      acres registered, acres planted, acres harvested, number of acres devoted to each end use, acres grown of certified seed for AOSCA certified seed production, acres commercial grown from AOSCA/OECD Certified seed,-                      Grower names and company names, varieties planted and acres of each variety, the total planted square feet for 2021</p> <p>Failure information including: THC results, if available to report for each variety, lot planting-harvest date combination, the number of acres that tested over 0.3% THC, the number of acres that tested over 1.0% THC, the number of acres that required remediation for legal harvest</p>	Only public information was provided.	Only public information was provided.	12/14/2021	Nicole Rawski	2021 license names/company name and acreage along with the other data requested	12/16/2021
Grant Fessler	Information on the number of registrants, acres registered in the state, and the cost of sampling and THC testing for a hemp variety for the 2022 growing season	Only public information was provided.	Only public information was provided.	3/8/2022	NiCole Rawski	information on the number of registrants, acres registered in the state, and the cost of sampling and THC testing for a hemp variety for the 2022 growing season	3/23/2022
Brian Dillon	Copy of Hemp Acres program license for 2022	Only public information was provided.	Only public information was provided.	3/24/2022	Nicole Rawski	Redacted Hemp Acres, LLC license	3/31/2022



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Scott Swenson	Current license holders	Only public information was provided.	Only public information was provided.	3/24/2022	Kathryne Mutschler	Current license holder list is available on the hemp program website. A direct link was provided.	3/24/2022
Matt Carnes / Sergeant	List of hemp growers for Carver, McLeod and Scott counties. Copy of Grounded Garden LLC hemp certificate.	Requested information to aid with drug law enforcement.	Shared list with sergeant as we are authorized by statute to share location information with law enforcement to assist with criminal matters.	3/28/2022	Nicole Rawski	Redacted hemp certificate for Grounded Garden CBD and a list of hemp growers names only for Carver, McLeod, Scott Counties	3/31/2022
Kevin Sikkink	2022 Hemp growers list	Only public information was provided.	Only public information was provided.	3/28/2022	Nicole Rawski	Hemp growers list as of 3/24/22	3/25/2022
Benjamin Sites	Hemp license for Michael Nelson	Only public information was provided.	Only public information was provided.	5/4/2022	NiCole Rawski	Mike Nelson does not currently have a 2022 hemp license. We were experiencing technical difficulties the last two days of our application period and he was unable to renew his license. I sent him the paper version of the application and he is planning on filling it out and submitting that by Friday, May 6th. I suggest Benjamin check back in a couple weeks to see if he successfully applied for his 2022 hemp license	5/11/2022
Wendy Sarna	Copy of a 2022 Hemp License for John Willard Reitmeier	Needed for banking compliance purposes- asking for customers' data.	Informed Consent to Release Information form was signed by licensee	5/12/2022	NiCole Rawski	Redacted 2022 Hemp License for John Willard Reitmeier	5/17/2022

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Grant Fessler	Information on the number of registrants, acres registered in the state, and the cost of sampling and THC testing for a hemp variety	Only public information was provided.	Only public information was provided.	6/3/2022	Nicole Rawski	Email: Number of Applicants: 299 Acres Registered: 2,005 Each Sample for THC Testing: \$100 Each Inspection Beyond the First One: \$250	5/20/2022
Chad Vandergriff	Copies of 2022 Hemp grower and/or processor license and the 2022 field samples (if conducted if not, please provide most recent).  1) Minnesota Hemp Farms, Inc 2) Kuribl LLC 3) Sporobio LLC 4) Cole Family Greenhouse	Needed for banking compliance purposes- asking for customers' data.	Informed Consent to Release Information form was signed by licensee	9/16/2022	Nicole Rawski	Redacted 2022 license and Fit for Commerce Certificate documents	9/26/2022
JD Duggan	Public data related to hemp growing trends. Specifically, a breakdown of the number of certified growers per year over the past five years and a breakdown of the acreage dedicated to growing hemp in the last five years.	Only public information was provided.	Only public information was provided.	9/26/2022	NiCole Rawski	A breakdown of the number of certified growers per year over the past five years and a breakdown of the acreage dedicated to growing hemp in the last five years	10/3/2022