



Hemp Licensing Data Report

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Minnesota Statute 18K.04; Subdivision 4 defines hemp licensing data provided by licensees and applicants as private or nonpublic if it contains (1) nondesignated addresses and (2) information identifying specific locations for growing or processing. This subdivision allows the commissioner to disclose private or nonpublic data if it is determined that there is a substantive threat to human health or safety, the environment, or aid in the law enforcement process. Data that is not considered private or nonpublic will be referred to as public data in this report.

Minnesota Statute 18K.04; Subdivision 5 requires the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to:

- Establish written procedures to ensure that Hemp Licensing Data is only accessed by individuals authorized to do so by law.
- 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.
- Submit a hardcopy of the data audit trail by January 15 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 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

Upon request, this material will be made available in an alternative format such as large print, Braille or audio recording. Printed on recycled paper.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this information is available in alternative forms of communication upon request by calling 651-201-6000. TTY users can call the Minnesota Relay Service at 711. The MDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Queries and Reponses for Data Classified as Private or Nonpublic Under § 18K.04

Date: January 15, 2025

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
Randall Lusson	Are you fully integrated into the USDA hemp regulatory program yet? (Yes / No) How many licenses were issued for 2022 broken down in the following areas (cultivator, processors, handlers, etc)? What was the total outdoor acreage licensed in 2022, broken down by fiber, grain, seeds, and cannabinoids)? What was the total indoor square footage licensed in 2022, broken down by fiber, grain, seeds, and cannabinoids)? What was the amount of outdoor acres planted and harvested in 2022? What was the amount of indoor square footage planted and harvested in 2022? Are lists of current licensees available? With contact information?	Only public data was provided	Only public data was provided	3/27/2023	Nicole Rawski	Data on integration into USDA hemp regulatory program. The number of licenses issued for 2022 broken down in the following areas (cultivator, processors, handlers, etc). Total acreage and square footage proposed for 2022, amount of acreage and square footage planted for 2022, and list of current licensees (2023) with contact information.	3/29/2023
Joe Chesmer	Full contact information and all other data available for Minnesota 2023 hemp licensees.	Only public data was provided	Only public data was provided	4/27/2023	Nicole Rawski	List of licensees updated on 5/5/23	5/8/2023

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Zachary Jett	The following information on the industrial hemp program for the years 2019 through 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting dates, harvest dates, yields, and cultivar information. • County-level harvested production and acreage data. • County information. • End-use details. • Dates of planting and harvest. • Price or marketing information. • Other pertinent key growing information. 	Only public data was provided	Only public data was provided for 2021-2023. Data from 2019-2021 is from the hemp pilot program established under the 2014 Farm Bill and is classified private and nonpublic.	8/17/2023	Nicole Rawski	Planting & Harvest Report info for 2021-2023 and some key notes: The 2023 data is only current through the date this email was sent. An excel spreadsheet that lists the information requested from the Planting and Harvest Report forms was supplied. County information is not listed on these forms, but a region was supplied in those forms. For specific county level information, it was suggested that he reach out to the local FSA office or USDA for that data. A table that shows the percentage of acreage grown per crop type by the year was supplied. For pricing or marketing information, it was suggested he review the National Agricultural Statistics Service National Hemp Reports for that information.	8/29/2023
Wendy Sarna	Requesting a copy of the 2023 Hemp License for Love Hemp Products LLC	Needed for banking compliance purposes - asking for customer's data	Only public data was provided	10/11/2023	Nicole Rawski	Redacted 2023 Hemp License for Love Hemp Products LLC	10/11/2023
Grant Holzhueter	Business license information for hemp growth and sales	Requested information to aid law enforcement	Authorized by statute to share license information with law enforcement to assist with criminal matters	2/27/2024	Nicole Rawski	Provided answers to the questions: Does the business have any other owners or partners? How long has it been in operation? Where is the business located? Not able to answer the questions referring to the kind of sales it does and assets it has, as we do not collect that type of information.	3/1/2024

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Connor Shandley	Requested Cole Family Greenhouse and Sporobio 2024 hemp licenses and Fit for Commerce certificates	Needed for banking compliance purposes- asking for customer's data	Only public data was provided	7/26/2024	Nicole Rawski	Redacted Cole Family Greenhouse and Sporobio 2024 hemp licenses. Minnesota Hemp Farms and Kuribl don't have hemp licenses. Sporobio is a processor and doesn't have any Fit for Commerce Certificates that were issued. We don't test processors because they don't grow plants. Also attached a redacted Cole Family Greenhouse 2023 Fit for Commerce Certificate.	8/8/2024
Harold Stanislawski	Data on how many hemp acres were grown for grain, fiber, and CBD in 2024	Only public data was provided	Only public data was provided	11/13/2024	Katy Mutschler	Preliminary data on the total hemp acreage planted in 2024 and percentage planted separated by type.	11/13/2024