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**South Dakota Industrial Hemp Program
Grower Timeline of Events**

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Event	Detail
Apply for license	Allow 30+ days to submit application and obtain Federal and State background checks. Letter from the municipality if within city limits
Plant Industrial hemp crop	Allowed to plant only after grower license is received.
Submit Planting Verification Inspection (the Department) within 30 days after planting.	All Lots must be identified by seed variety and at least 0.5 outdoor acres or in a greenhouse at least 2,880 sq ft in size. GPS coordinates of Lots will be verified. Report acres in square feet to Farm Service Agency. Record farm, tract, and field number.
Certify Industrial hemp crop acreage with USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) July 15 deadline	This process takes time, so start working with your local FSA as soon as possible and provide all of the documentation they require. You can find your local FSA at: offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app Must include street address and geospatial information for each Industrial hemp Lot and a copy of your Industrial Hemp Grower License. Report each Lot separately, or in compliance with FSA guidelines.
Random Department site inspection	Random Inspections may include record audits, site inspections, sampling, and testing.
Submit Grower Inspection Sample Request 10 days prior to harvest	Submit request to the Department 10 days prior to crop sample test date to allow time to schedule regulatory Industrial hemp sampling.
Harvest	After a Lot is sampled, it must be harvested within 30 days.
Total THC testing by approved testing facility	Samples collected during the Grower Inspection Sample (pre-harvest test) will be tested for total THC content on a dry weight basis. Grower may harvest after official samples taken, but Lots may not be commingled until a certificate of analysis (COA) is received showing THC compliance.
Certificate of analysis (COA) and Lot release	Lab will send certificate of analysis to the Department and to USDA. The Department will release the COA to the grower. The COA will indicate whether the samples passed or failed. If the COA indicates the sample passed, the Lot associated with that sample is cleared for commerce. Keep a copy of the COA with all Lots during transport and sale. Any Lots with failed tests must be retested, remediated or destroyed. Contact the Department for further instructions.
Certify Industrial hemp harvest yields with FSA	Make sure to report each Lot separately with the corresponding planted acres certifications and FSA Identifying information.