



PROGRAM DIFFERENCES

Maryland's Hemp Farming Program v. Hemp Research Pilot Program

The Maryland Department of Agriculture is offering two hemp programs for growers to choose from in 2021. Below is a comparison of those programs.

	Maryland Hemp Farming Program	Maryland Hemp Research Pilot Program
Research Partner Required	NO	YES
FBI Background Check Required	YES	YES
Limit on Number of Growers	NO	NO
Limit on Number of Acres Planted/ Harvested	NO	NO
Fees	\$550	\$250
THC Measured By	Total THC	Delta 9 THC
Expiration Date of Permit	12/31/2021	12/31/2021
Random Inspections by MDA	YES	YES