



Industrial Hemp — Federal Coordination & Investment Strategy (FY2027)

Executive Summary

Industrial hemp grain and fiber have moved beyond proof-of-concept. The limiting factor is federal coordination, infrastructure scale, and market development.

This proposal advances a coordinated federal strategy across research, infrastructure, and market activation to position the United States as a global leader in industrial hemp.

Programmatic Requests

1. National Industrial Hemp Systems Workshop — \$2M
2. REE Coordinated Hemp Research Initiative — \$25M
3. Competitive Grants (NIFA/AFRI) — \$15M
4. ARS Integration — Included
5. NRCS Alignment — No new funding
6. AMS Standards & Reporting — \$10M
7. Marketing & Promotion Initiative — \$50M
8. Market Expansion & Feed Research — \$200M
9. Rural Development Infrastructure — \$300M
10. Nutrition Program Inclusion — No new funding
11. Regional Validation Hubs — \$50M

Summary of Federal Investment

Total New Funding: \$652,000,000

This strategy is designed to unlock significant private sector investment while strengthening U.S. agriculture and manufacturing.

Closing

Industrial hemp is at a critical inflection point. Coordinated federal action will determine whether the United States leads or falls behind in this emerging sector.

Respectfully submitted,

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