

FSA Requirement for PA Hemp Permit Holders

The United States Department of Agriculture (**USDA**) requires that **ALL** producers report hemp production of any size to the Farm Service Agency (**FSA**). The guidelines are as follows:

1. Contact a County FSA office to set up an account if one has not already been created. Use the search tool at the following link to locate the nearest FSA office:
<https://www.farmers.gov/service-center-locator>, or call the Pennsylvania State FSA Office at 717-237-2113.
 2. At the FSA meeting, expect to provide the following information to FSA staff:
 - PA Permit Number
 - Street address
 - Geospatial location(s) of each lot (field or greenhouse) where hemp will be produced
 - Acreage of fields and square feet of greenhouses/indoor areas dedicated to the production of hemp
 3. Once an account is set up, report the amount of hemp planted to the FSA by submitting an **FSA-578** Report of Acreage form **within 10 days of planting**. The deadline for crop reporting is **July 15**. Information you will need includes:
 - Farm, field, and tract numbers
 - Date the hemp was planted
 - Acreage of hemp planted
 - Variety name
 - Intended use (ex: fiber, CBD processing, grain, seed)
 - This form must be submitted every time you plant a new “lot”. A “lot” is a contiguous area in a field, sub-field, tract, greenhouse, or indoor growing structure containing the **same variety** or strain of hemp throughout the area.
 - Hemp may be grown for research purposes only under a research license. Because the crop will never be sold commercially, the acreage report is not required to be broken down by lots. If the field was planted over several days, research growers will report the average planting date.
- * ***Permittees shall provide a copy of the returned FSA-578 report to the PDA Hemp Program. FSA does not email these forms to state agriculture departments unless requested by growers.***
- * ***FSA Lot Numbers must be used to label hemp lots on PDA Hemp Planting Reports.***
- * ***This USDA-FSA reporting requirement is separate from other reporting required by the PDA Hemp Program.***