

HEMP NEWSLETTER

December 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

January 4, 2021 — Last day to submit required documentation for growing season 2020. Not completing these forms will result in a violation of the Hemp Farming Program.

January 4, 2021 — Questionnaires due

January 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021 — Application period for growing season 2021

January 20, 2021, 2pm — Zoom Tutorial for online applications

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85036510958?pwd=aUZTSVc4SUNXRHNXNzBnZDZlU2lpQT09>

Meeting Id: 850 3651 0958

Passcode: 067143

February 10, 2021, 2pm — Zoom Tutorial for online applications

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89604961628?pwd=VWtUUXdjK0xFeVQwbncxZFBaWxo4dz09>

Meeting ID: 896 0496 1628

Passcode: 738758

- Because for the first time this year the applications will be online only, we suggest that you attend one of the two tutorials to learn how to complete the new online application.
- If you cannot attend the Zoom meetings live, they will also be recorded and posted on the website here: <https://agriculture.sc.gov/hemp/>

March TBD — In-person orientation will be scheduled in March on a day to be determined.

March 31, 2021 — 2020 Hemp Farming Permits expire. On this date, if you have not been issued a current 2021 Hemp Farming Program Permit or a current Hemp Handler Permit, you must not have any raw hemp material in your possession.

REMINDERS

REPORTING ACREAGE TO FSA

Report your 2020 hemp acreage to the FSA office.

State Law requires, “Permitted Hemp Farmers shall report hemp crop acreage or square footage to the USDA Farm Service Agency and shall provide, at a minimum, the following information: a. Street address and, to the extent practicable, GPS location for each field, greenhouse, or indoor growing structure where hemp will be cultivated; b. Acreage or square footage for each field, greenhouse, or indoor growing structure dedicated to the cultivation of hemp; and c. SCDA Hemp Farmer Permit number”.

Note: You will not be considered for growing season 2021 if this has not been completed.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Get these completed ASAP — there will be no extensions. If they are not received by February 28, 2021, your application will be denied.

All appointments must be made online.

To conduct your federal and state background check, please follow the following steps to set up an appointment:

1. Visit Identogo (the state’s third-party background check vendor) ONLINE at identogo.com/locations/south-carolina
2. Scroll down and select “Digital Fingerprinting”.
3. Under “For New Appointments” select “Schedule a New Appointment”.
4. On the dropdown list, select “SC920126Z – Dept. of Agriculture – Industrial Hemp” then select “Go”.
5. Enter your Zip Code or Choose the region you are in.
6. Selection the location and day. Please note we recommend selecting one of Identogo’s major locations for your background check to speed up the process. Those locations are Columbia, Greenville, Charleston, Florence, Myrtle Beach, and Rock Hill. These locations are open Monday–Friday.
7. Select a time slot.
8. Enter Applicant Information.
9. Select Send Information.

Once the background check is conducted, the results will electronically be sent to SCDA from the FBI and SLED, and we will review them. You do not need to submit the results to SCDA.

See you all in 2021!

Happy New Year!

