

Illinois Department Of Agriculture To Host Virtual Hemp Summit

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2021 ILLINOIS VIRTUAL HEMP SUMMIT

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 9:00 to Noon

The Illinois Department of Agriculture invites you to join IDOA staff, growers, processors, University of Illinois representatives and industry stakeholders to discuss hemp in Illinois. Topics include: the 2020 growing season, best practices, lessons learned and the future of the hemp industry in Illinois.

Please register at:

https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Plants/ Pages/Hemp-Summit-Registration.aspx

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(Please note, this link is for registration. Registered attendees will be emailed a link to the event Monday, February 22. There is no cost to attend, registration is required.) SPRINGFIELD– The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) will host a virtual Hemp Summit Tuesday, February 23. The free online event will take place from 9 am to noon with presentations from growers, processors, university researchers, industry stakeholders and IDOA staff.

"We have had two solid hemp growing seasons here in Illinois, with many takeaways from those who have weathered the challenges that come in the infant stages of an industry," said IDOA Division Manager, David Lakeman. "To have a venue where farmers, processors and others involved in the industry can share what works and what doesn't is invaluable."

The Summit's agenda is structured to optimize the distribution of information and limit repetition during the three-hour event. Topics on the agenda include: the 2020 growing season, best practices, and lessons learned. Information on the panelists will be available prior to the event.

The 2021 Hemp Summit is free to attend, but registration is required. Those interested in attending can register online at <u>https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Plants/Pages</u>/<u>Hemp-Summit-Registration.aspx</u>. Registered attendees will be emailed a link to the event Monday, February 22.