

Vermont Industrial Hemp SEED



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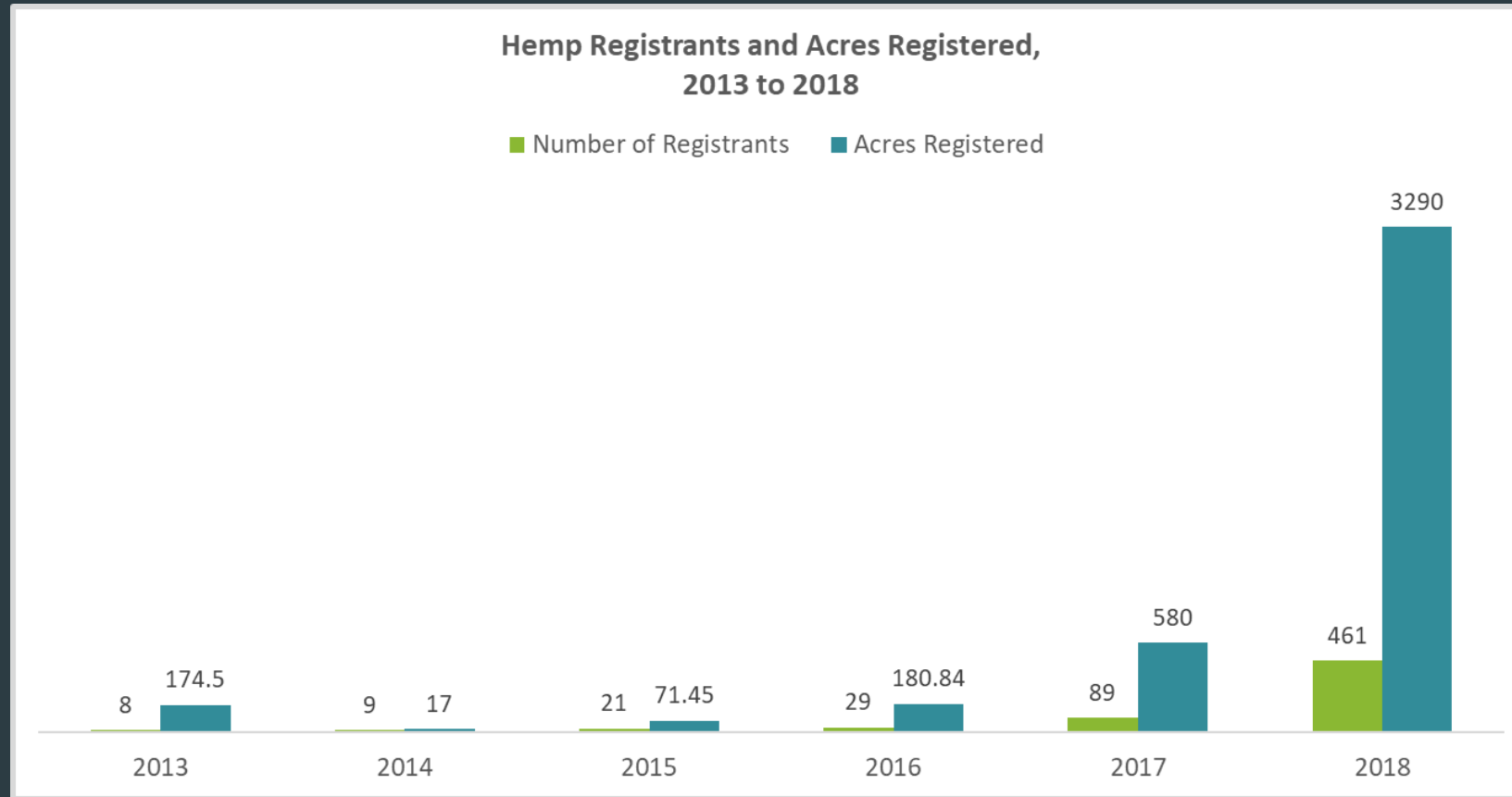
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Overview

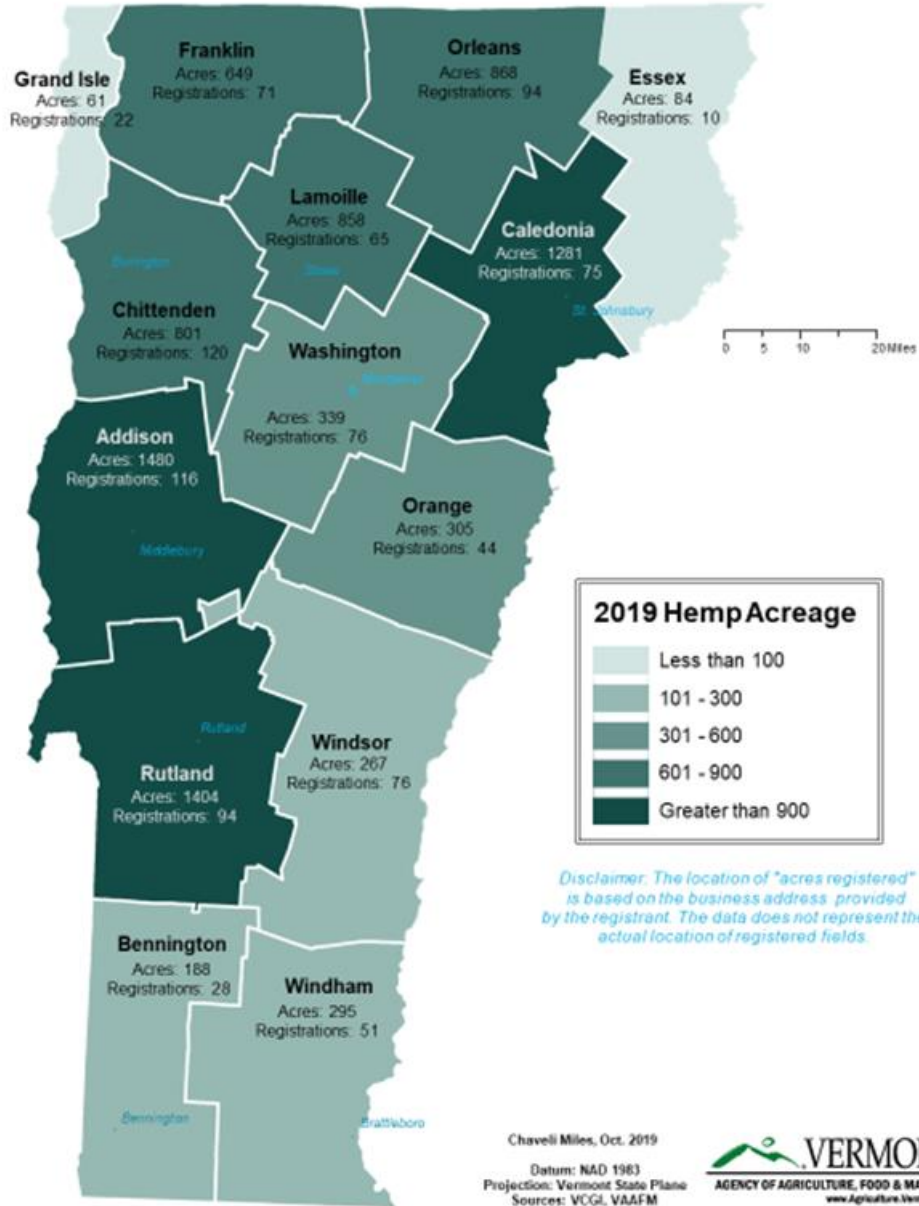
- ▶ Existing Seed Law
- ▶ Issues
- ▶ S.194- Hemp; Seed Standards



Vermont's Hemp Program



YTD Grower Registration and Acres Registered by County



2019 Hemp production by county



Seed Crop

Seed Dealers:

- ▶ Must Register with the State
 - Breeding or selling seed
- ▶ Nursery License:
 - Selling live plants, starts, or clones
- ▶ For more information contact:

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Current Seed Law

- ▶ Vermont Statutes: Title 6: Agriculture, Chapter 35: Seeds
- ▶ Labeling:
 - Name of crop variety (s)
 - Lot number
 - Percent by weight of weed seed, crop seed, and inert materials
 - Percent germination and date tested
 - Contact information for labeler or distributor
- ▶ “Stop Sale” issued by Secretary for any violations
- ▶ Enforcement: Limited
 - Minimal fines





Issues:

- ▶ Feminized seed
 - Many males
- ▶ Seed/cultivar purity
 - Wide variety CBD & THC levels for “same” cultivar
- ▶ Germination
 - Varied widely

S.194- Hemp; Seed Standards

- ▶ Addition to Hemp Rule –References Vermont's Seeds Rule
- ▶ Additions to Labeling:
 - Names of any additional hemp varieties >5% by weight
 - Feminized seed guarantee
 - Origin of seed and whether seed is certified in place of origin
 - Date seed packaged
 - Contact information for whoever labels, sells or distributes hemp seed in the State.
- ▶ Enforcement:
 - Higher penalties



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