

# Industrial Hemp 101

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# **Industrial Hemp**

- An annual plant.
- Strongly photosensitive.
  - > Short days to flower.
- Types: for fiber, grains/seed oil, *CBD oil*.
- Mostly dioecious, a few monoecious.
- Male plants.
  - > Essential for Grains.
  - ➤ Useless for CBD oil (low CBD).











## Applications of Industrial Hemp

# Industrial Hemp has more than 25,000 products

## Mostly/All Imported!

- Fibers
- Oilseed
- Pharmaceuticals
- Others: building materials, plastic and composite materials...

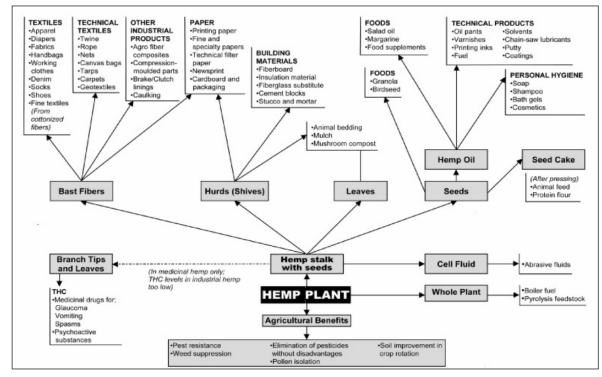


Figure 1. Modern Uses for Industrial Hemp

Source: Industrial Hemp Association of Tasmania, http://www.ihat.org.au/.

**Notes:** Other hemp product charts include D. G. Kraenzel et al., "Industrial Hemp as an Alternative Crop in North Dakota," AER-402, North Dakota State University, July 23, 1998; and National Hemp Association, http://nationalhempassociation.org/.





## Applications of Industrial Hemp

## **Seed and Oil**

















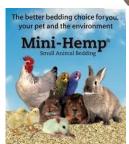
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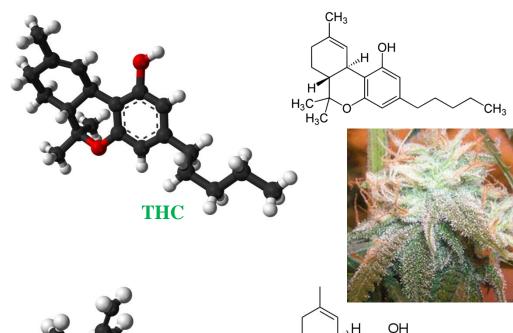
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## Chemistry of Industrial Hemp

## THC vs CBD

- Both are cannabinoids, which is rich in trichomes of the bracts of female flowers.
- Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC):
  - > A psychotropic cannabinoid.
  - > The principal psychoactive constituent of cannabis.
- Cannabidiol (CBD):
  - > One of at least 113 active cannabinoids.
  - A major phytocannabinoid, accounting for up to 40% of the plant's extract.
  - ➤ Does not have any intoxicating effects but may have effects on anxiety & an anti-psychotic effect.







## Industrial Hemp vs Marijuana: Cannabis sativa L.

#### • Industrial Hemp

- Cannabis varieties that are primarily grown as an agricultural crop (seeds and fiber, and by-product such as oil)
- Low THC (delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol) content: ≤0.3% (2014 Farm Bill)
- ► High CBD (cannabidiol) content

### • Marijuana

- ➤ Psychoactive cannabis varieties grown for high THC content (>0.3%, average about 10%)
- ➤ Harvest the flowering tops and leaves
- Less CBD content

You will NOT get "HIGH" with industrial hemp!

