

# Advancing U.S. Hemp Fiber, Grain and Seed Industries



The U.S. Hemp Roundtable (USHR) works closely with its members and advocacy partners to support policies and legislation that aim to advance the nation's hemp fiber, grain and seed industries. Our dedicated ad-hoc Fiber, Grain and Seed committee works to ensure that federal and state legislative efforts provide an even playing field for producers and processors. Learn more at [hempsupporter.com](http://hempsupporter.com).

## Illustrative Members



A global leader in hemp technologies, Ecofibre Limited™ uses sustainable materials from the stalk to make biochar for composite materials that can be used in plastics, inks, textiles and durable goods. Ecofibre works with some of the nation's largest automobile, furniture, and medical companies to develop innovative products with hemp inputs.

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HempWood® uses a variety of eco-friendly materials derived from the hemp stalk to create sustainable building supplies such as flooring and furniture. HempWood® products can be used for custom decor, interior design features or general home and industrial building materials.



DEX Sustainables is a Wisconsin-based company involved in the research and development of sustainable materials and products from the hemp plant. The DEX Sustainables processing facility processes CBD tinctures, coffee, creams, powders, and breakfast bars.



Kannaco is a managing member and equity holder in Midwest Hemp Technology out of Wichita, Kansas and has grown hemp for them the last two years. This partnership processes hemp hurd, fiber, and grain, supplying bulk wholesale materials to the construction and food markets.



Harrod's Creek Farm is a small family farm located outside of Louisville, Kentucky, owned by local philanthropist and sustainable agriculture advocate Eleanor Bingham Miller. Harrod's Creek Farm has been involved with hemp production since the early passage of the 2014 Farm Bill, growing grain and fiber crops using climate-friendly practices.

## Advocacy Partners and Initiatives



Members of the South Dakota Industrial Hemp Association (SDIHA) are empowering growers with education and tools for hemp fiber and grain production. With two of the nation's decortication facilities located and operating in southeastern South Dakota, the SDIHA is helping position the state as the top hemp fiber producer. The SDIHA also advocates for federal and state policies that will bolster the hemp and grain industries.



The purpose of the U.S. Hemp Building Association (USHBA) is to support and advocate for hemp building professionals, projects and materials in the United States and to facilitate thorough education the establishment, stabilization, and growth of a thriving American hemp building industry. The USHBA is made up of like-minded people who have come together with a shared mission to use hemp as a sustainable building resource, provide education, demonstrate the uses of hemp in building, and work toward the certification of hemp building materials.



The Hemp Alliance of Tennessee (HAT) worked with Tennessee State University, the University of Tennessee, and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture to secure \$5 million in grant funding from the USDA for a USHR-endorsed climate-smart commodities project that aims to advance sustainable hemp fiber production and support under-served producers. The USHR and its sister organization, the U.S. Hemp Authority, are working with the HBCU-led consortium to develop a sustainability certification program to ensure hemp plays a critical role in environmental protection and climate remediation.



The Hemp Feed Coalition (HFC) is advocating for the exclusion of hemp seed ingredients derived from lawfully harvested crops from premarket approval for companion, exotic, equine, and other non-production animals. The HFC supports (1) removing hemp seeds, hemp seed meal, hemp seed oil, hemp hulls, dehulled hemp seeds (hearts), hemp protein, hemp hurd and hemp seed screenings from the 1958 Food Additive Petition, (2) allowing naturally-occurring cannabinoids in these listed ingredients only, (3) requiring end-product testing to verify consistency, and (4) compliance with existing jurisdictional manufacturing licensing and product registration requirements for hemp feed.



The Value The Seed Campaign is a policy reform initiative that, when adopted, will enable U.S. hemp farmers who use and plant Certified seed that meets or exceeds the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA) standards, to be exempt from burdensome regulations, including THC testing. This initiative proposes that commercial hemp growers who use Certified hemp seed pay a lower registration fee to their regulatory agency, and be exempt from state, federal, or tribal background checks, as well as sampling & testing.

Hemp Hurd

Hemp Fiber

Hemp Seeds

Hemp Meal