

# 2025 Special Hemp Breeding License Application



The **Special Hemp Breeding License** is intended for qualified plant breeders that will be breeding for new or improved varieties of hemp and may possess viable plants or plant material in excess of three tenths (0.3%) and less than five (5.0%) total THC (delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol +THCA). Plants covered under this license **shall only be grown in a secure indoor location (greenhouse, warehouse)**. Forms can be completed electronically before printing, or printed and completed manually before mailing. **Do not include payment with your application.** Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified of its approval or rejection. If your application is approved, you will be required to submit payment prior to issuance of a license. Applications that contain errors or are illegible will be returned for corrections. **Licenses issued under this application will expire January 31, 2026.**

Physical Address:

New Mexico Department of Agriculture  
Entomology and Nursery Industries  
1050 Stewart St.  
Las Cruces, NM 88003

Mailing Address:

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Entomology and Nursery Industries  
MSC 3BA  
New Mexico State University  
P.O. Box 30005  
Las Cruces, NM 88003

## Applicant Information

_____	_____	_____
Legal Last Name	Legal First Name	Middle
_____	_____	_____
E-mail address	_____	Telephone
_____	_____	_____
Additional Contact Person (i.e. Farm Manager)	_____	Telephone
_____	_____	_____
E-mail address	Business name to include on license (if applicable)	
_____	_____	
Current Continuous Hemp Production License # _____		

Business Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Growing Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

<b>NMDA USE ONLY</b>
Previous license holder? _____ OR new applicant? _____
Background check _____ Background check approved _____

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## Growing Area:

All plants identified to be used as breeding stock for hemp varieties must be maintained in a single location (may include multiple greenhouses, bays, rooms). Additional locations shall require an additional application and fee:

- Growing area location: Latitude (Decimal Degrees i.e., 32.86312): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Longitude (Decimal Degrees i.e., -106.294074): \_\_\_\_\_  
 County: \_\_\_\_\_ Nearest Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Open Google Maps in your internet browser, navigate to growing location and click the mouse. White box will appear at bottom of screen with decimal degree coordinates in gray text.)*

- Are you the owner of the property?  Yes  No  
*If the answer is no, you are required to complete the Special Hemp Breeders Landowner Affidavit document and include it with this application. This document is available on the NMDA website.*

- Total number of square feet designated for plants to be used for hemp breeding at this growing location: \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft.

- Provide identification (variety, experimental number, etc.) of plant varieties to be maintained at this growing area for breeding purposes. Amendments to your variety list can be made by submitting changes, in writing, to New Mexico Department of Agriculture. A separate sheet of paper may be attached to the application.

	<u>Variety Name/Identifier</u>	<u>Estimated Number of plants</u>		<u>Variety Name/Identifier</u>	<u>Estimated Number of plants</u>
1			6		
2			7		
3			8		
9			10		

- CREDENTIALS:** Using a separate and attached sheet of paper, describe your plant breeding experience/credentials and specific objectives for hemp breeding under this license.
- RECORDS:** Using a separate and attached sheet of paper, describe you Standard Operating Procedures related to record retention and Standard Operating Procedures.
- SECURITY:** Using a separate and attached sheet of paper, describe your indoor growing location (i.e., room, separate building, greenhouse). Detail how the public is excluded from indoor growing areas, how individual breeding plants will be identified and tracked, and how plants utilized in a hemp breeding program will be isolated from medical cannabis, adult-use or recreational cannabis, or commercial hemp plants.
- PLANT DESTRUCTION:** Using separate and attached sheet of paper, describe your disposal method for plant material believed to be in excess of three tenths (0.3%) and less than five (5.0%) total THC. Understand that plant material may not be disposed of in an area accessible to the public in raw form; transported in raw form; may be shredded with other material (newspaper, hemp, grass, etc.) to achieve a homogenous blend testing at or below three tenths (0.3%) total THC; mulched; incorporated in soil etc.
- BACKGROUND CHECK:** Enclose a copy of the results of a recent (obtained within the past twelve (12) months New Mexico background check.

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## Acknowledgments:

Initials by each acknowledgement below confirms your understanding and agreement to the following statements:

1. Understand that violation of provisions stated in this application, or related laws, department policies, or orders by the department that are relevant to possession of plants/plant material for hemp breeding purposes, may result in license revocation, suspension for a period of time identified by the director, and may result in notification provided to law enforcement. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Licensee agrees to immediately destroy, using NMDA approved methods, any plants covered under this agreement that exceed 5.0% total THC and that destruction shall be at the licensee's expense. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Understand that plants/plant material of unknown or known total THC concentrations greater than three tenths (0.3%) and less than five (5.0%) total THC used for plant breeding may only be located in the secure indoor location identified in this application. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Plants/plant material in excess of three tenths (0.3%) and less than five (5.0%) total THC shall not be used for any other purpose other than plant breeding. Viable plants, including clones, extracts, bud/flower covered under this agreement shall not enter the stream of commerce or be provided to the public. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Viable plants and clones believed to be, or in excess of three tenths (0.3%) and less than five (5.0%) total THC may only be transferred to another person issued, and in possession of a valid 2024 Special Hemp Breeding License. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Applicant has reviewed all local laws and ordinances to ensure production/possession of plants used for breeding hemp varieties at the location specified in this application is allowed (e.g., water sources, agricultural limitations, zoning). Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Understand specific data contained within this application may be subject to release by NMDA, under the Inspection of Public Records Act, and may be shared with other state or federal agencies, including law enforcement. Applicants will be screened for compliance to New Mexico's Child Support Enforcement requirements, and additional federal background check requirements. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Understand if the applicant is a business, agency, institution or other entity, the application shall identify the specific person the license shall be issued to, and the person licensed is responsible for activities covered under this license. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
9. At NMDA's request, the applicant/licensee shall submit to the department for review and approval any standard operation procedures and records related to plants covered under this license including those covering cultivar identification, plant transfers, and disposal. Failure to do so may result in license suspension, revocation, and notification of law enforcement. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Understand that testing of plant material covered under this agreement may be required by NMDA staff to ensure compliance to total THC restrictions (less than five - 5.0% total THC) for plants used in breeding for hemp, and that the licensee is responsible for the testing costs and transportation of samples to an NMDA approved laboratory. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Understand licensee shall be responsible for additional charges associated with addressing noncompliant issues incurred by NMDA staff including travel and inspection hours, as allowed by state laws. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Understand that accepted applications will result in a \$500.00 licensing fee prior to issuance of a 2024 Special Hemp Breeding License. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Understand that a separate hemp production license and a Plant Protection License (plant nursery) may also be required, depending on specific operations being conducted. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature below acknowledges the following: applicant has provided accurate and complete information; has reviewed and agrees to statements contained under the Acknowledgments section; provides New Mexico Department of Agriculture authorization to conduct or obtain information related to background checks regarding possible criminal convictions that may preclude the issuance of a Special Hemp Breeding License.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date