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Farm Bill Opens Hemp Market for Growers

Audio with National Hemp Association executive director Erika Stark

The farm bill passed by the House and Senate opens the door for hemp production. Provisions in the bill championed by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell legalize domestic hemp and will also allow state departments of agriculture to be responsible for its oversight. National Hemp Association executive director Erika Stark says the legislation opens many doors for hemp growers...tape

Cut #1 :22 OC:... "now legal."

However, Stark says, this does not change any state regulations, and states that have regulations that comply with the 2014 farm bill pilot program will also need to revisit those provisions.

Also, with full commercial activity allowed, Stark says the legislation opens domestic hemp markets, but that market development will take time...tape

Cut #2 :15 OC:... "that investment."

She says the focus of the National Hemp Association now turns to how the FDA will handle CBD oils, and working with growers to develop programs and markets...tape

Cut #3 :19 OC:... "that infrastructure."

Stark says interested growers should start small...tape

Cut #4 :22 OC:...”before you plant it.”

She says the potential market and uses for hemp are no joke and now is a good time to get involved...tape

Cut #5 :25 OC:...”and limitless.”

That’s Erika Stark, executive director of the National Hemp Association.