

Tips for a Compliant Hemp COA



- Every hemp grower needs a legal state compliance test to sell their harvest.
- A compliant pre-harvest COA (<0.3% total THC) identifies the crop as industrial hemp and allows for legal harvest of your crop.

Our recommendations. Test early and often.

1 Know the rules regarding testing and harvest windows. Each state manages their own rules on sampling methodology and the timing of testing.

Tests are the best indication of when to harvest for an achievable compliant Certificate of Analysis (COA) report.

2 Test early and test often. Routine tests reduce your risk of going over the federally legal limit of 0.3% total THC as the plant nears maturity. We recommend you test every week and to utilize a testing log to monitor the increasing cannabinoid content.

Automatic Series

Begin testing at flower initiation, ~35 days after sow (DAS).



3 Book your pre-harvest testing as soon as possible. When results are approaching the legal limit, schedule testing early based on the State Department of Agriculture rules to avoid bottlenecks.

Velocity Series

Begin testing at flower initiation, when there are ~14 hrs of daylight (between late July and early August at N° 42 for outdoor cultivation).



4 Harvest. With a compliant COA, your harvest window must be within the number of days your state allows for you to harvest the crop, after which you cannot legally harvest.

Contact your State Department of Agriculture to understand the local rules regarding testing and harvest windows.

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