

STATEMENT ON HEMP PROGRAMMING

The December 2018 Farm Bill legalized hemp* on the national level and classified as an agricultural commodity. With its newly legal status, many growers in the ornamental horticulture industry are expressing keen interest in producing this crop.

AmericanHort is excited to announce a new hemp education track at Cultivate'20 providing research and support for hemp growers in the horticulture industry. This new education track is focused on hemp production for nursery and greenhouse growers and propagators and will cover topics like hemp genetics, nutrient needs, IMP, substrates, processing, intellectual property, grower best practices, and more.

*While hemp and marijuana are both from the *Cannabis sativa* plant, there is a legal distinction between the two terms based off the level of THC present in the plant. Hemp contains a THC level of 0.3% or lower. Marijuana contains between 5-35% THC and is therefore psychoactive. Marijuana remains illegal on a national level. AmericanHort is currently only providing resources for hemp production.