

Media Release

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Growing Hemp in Maine

Brewer, Maine – Interest in hemp production has increased significantly with the passage of the 2018 farm bill. Hemp can be grown to produce grain, fiber, and medicinal products. “Growing Hemp in Maine” will be offered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension on Friday, March 6, 2020 from 8:30 am to 4:45 pm at Jeff’s Catering, Littlefield Drive, Brewer.

There are specific rules and licensing requirements that affect the production of this crop in the State of Maine. At this conference, we will be discussing newly changed licensing requirements / regulations, production, pest management, harvest, drying and processing of hemp. As well as potential markets and economics of the crop. Come learn the latest on regional research and network with others either currently growing or planning to grow this crop.

Regional and state of Maine experts will be presenting at this program including Dr. Heather Darby, UVM Extension Agronomy Specialist who conducts research in hemp cultivars and growing techniques in the northeast; Dr. Scot Waring, Director of eLucidation LLC, a Vermont-based business providing scientific and professional services to the hemp industry; Gary Fish, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, State Horticulturist heading the Hemp Licensing in the state of Maine; Dr. Alicyn Smart, UMaine Extension, Plant Pathologist; Dr. John Jemison, UMaine Extension Soil and Water Quality Specialist, Dr. Matt Wallhead, UMaine Extension Horticultural Specialist and Chris Grigsby, MOFGA.

Early registration \$50 per person until February 7th, 2020 after that registration will be \$75 per person. Includes refreshments and lunch. For more information and to register online go to:

<https://extension.umaine.edu/agriculture/growing-hemp-in-maine/>. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Theresa Eldridge at 207.581.3878 or 1.800.287.0279 (in Maine) or theresa.eldridge@maine.edu

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UPCOMING EVENT ...

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Learn about 'Growing Hemp in Maine' March 6

Will cover regulations and licensing requirements; production, harvesting and more

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"Growing Hemp in Maine" topics will include regulations and licensing requirements; production, harvesting and drying; pest and disease management; recent research trials; and economics of the crop. (Lesley L., Flickr/Creative Commons)

BANGOR, Maine — University of Maine Cooperative Extension will offer a conference about hemp production in Maine from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday, March 6, at Jeff's Catering, 15 Littlefield Drive, Brewer.

Satellite sites will be the UMaine Extension Aroostook County office, 57 Houlton Road, Presque Isle; and the UMaine Extension Somerset County office, 7 County Drive, Skowhegan.

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Presenters include John Jemison, UMaine Extension professor and soil and water quality specialist; Alicyn Smart, Extension assistant professor and plant pathologist; Matt Wallhead, Extension ornamental horticulture specialist and UMaine assistant professor; Jonathan Malacarne, UMaine assistant professor of agricultural economics; Gary Fish, Maine state horticulturist; Heather Darby, University of Vermont Extension agronomy specialist; and Scot Waring, director of eLucidation, LLC, in Essex Junction, Vermont.

The fee for attendees at the Brewer site is \$50 per person until Feb. 7 and \$75 thereafter. Refreshments and lunch are included. Satellite locations are \$50 per person; food is not included. Register [online](#). For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Theresa Eldridge, 207.581.3878, 800.287.0279 (in Maine), theresa.eldridge@maine.edu. More information also is available on the [conference website](#).