

December 12, 2018 Board Updates

Plant Industry Division



Program Highlights

- Chemistry
 - 138 hemp samples completed
 - Lab assessment by University of Kentucky
 - THC post-decarboxylation method
- Pest Control
 - Increase in operator licenses: over 1900 (up from 1600 in previous years)
 - Increase in business licenses: over 550
 - Up to 19 verified complaints
 - Launching pilot program - Operator Test Preparation Class (spring 2019)
 - C5: Aquatics
 - C6: Weeds
 - Spring 19: new online system
- Environmental
 - NV selected to host Laboratory Workshop Meeting in 2020 by EPA
 - Pesticide label use for hemp crop
 - New staff
- Crops/Nursery
 - Christmas tree trace: elongated hemlock scale
 - BIQMS audit
 - 10 Specialty Crop Grants awarded
 - Co-hosted Western Region Produce Safety Meeting in Denver
 - Hemp moved to Crops – accepting application starting Jan. 1

	Growers	Producers	Handlers	Acres	Indoor Sq Ft
2017	26	0	0	490	17,170
2018	116	16	47	1880	235,688

- Pathology
 - Phytoplasma bacterium on hemp confirmed
- Entomology
 - All traps are in for the season - negative
 - Fire ant work still in progress through December
 - Brown marmorated stink bug and elm seed bug spreading with several new counties reporting
- Noxious Weeds
 - NDOT project review and weed mitigation
 - Participate in meetings at county level to discuss the role of weeds in fire
- Natural Resources
 - Range app training delayed until soil and privacy issues resolved

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- Participation in EIS for USFS sage grouse, BLM sage grouse, Fallon Navy expansion
- Participated on emergency stabilization and rehabilitation planning for 2018 fires
- Native Seed coordination meeting amongst state, federal and non-profit groups
- Results Oriented Grazing for Ecological Concerns group, Western Governor's Invasive Species forum and Sagebrush Ecosystem Council meetings