

## Hemp for Commercial Livestock Feed

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WHEREAS the Texas Legislature passed HB 3587 in 2019 that legalized industrial hemp for cultivations for food, feeds, fiber and building materials, etc.,

WHEREAS the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has recognized hemp grain as “Generally Recognized As Safe” (GRAS) for human consumptions,

WHEREAS Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) and the FDA has not approved hemp grain for commercial livestock feed despite the historical record of hemp production and animal consumption in Texas,

WHEREAS HB 3587 defines hemp to not be an adulterate for human or animal consumption,

WHEREAS HB 3587 statute has a provision related to commercial livestock feed that the Department (Texas State Chemist) “may” make rules to include as commercial livestock feed but has declined to do so,

WHEREAS the United State Department of Agriculture in their final rule created a term for total THC that is more restrictive for farmers to create commercial livestock feed and fiber,

WHEREAS the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Hemp Association and their standing committee of hemp organization that represents 75% of the hemp growers in the United States, have recommended a 1% total tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and 0.3% delta 9 THC which is compliant with state statute of 0.3% THC content,

WHEREAS the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Hemp Association and their standing committee of hemp organization have recommended exemptions for cannabinoid potency testing for grain and fiber varieties that do not contain intoxicating levels of THC,

WHEREAS historical records show that Texas agriculture lands hold great potential for cultivation of hemp for grain and fiber but current lack of regulations from the Texas State Chemist is inhibiting a large market potential for livestock feed,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED for the Texas Legislature to modify HB 3587 to change the wording of the commercial livestock feed regarding rules for commercial livestock from a “may” to a “shall” and shall define hemp to contain 1% total tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and 0.3% delta 9 THC and exemption for grain and fiber cannabinoid potency testing.

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