

Industrial Hemp Update in Kansas

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Authorized activities with industrial hemp in Kansas (current program)

Table 1: Active licenses by type program; 2019 program licenses expired 02/01/2020.

License Type	2019	2020**
Grower	190*	214
Distributor	20	20
Processor	35	23
University***	9	7
TOTAL	254	265

*There were 213 active grower licenses for 2019, but 23 licensees withdrew.

**2020 information updated 06/03/2020

***Kansas State University Research and Extension (KSRE).

As of late May 2020, states (n = 41) have reported roughly 390,000 acres licensed to plant industrial hemp. Additionally, USDA has approved 47 state and tribal nation plans, however many states are not participating under the 2018 Farm Bill provisions for the 2020 growing season for various reasons relating to the IFR's requirements, lack of state statute due to a short 2020 legislative session or a lack of state regulations.

Activities conducted by licensed growers in Kansas

Table 2: Acreage licensed, planted, and harvested as of 06/03/2020.

	2019		2020	
Activity	Acreage	# of counties	Acreage	# of counties
Licensed	~5,800	70	9,920	71
Planted	2,782	59	146	13
Harvested*	1,831	52	0.27	4

- Approximately 90% of the planted acreage in 2019 was grown for the floral material [cannabidiol (CBD) production]
- In 2019, 99% of the planted acreage was grown outdoors.
- As of 01/08/2020, approximately one-third of the Kansas growers sold their industrial hemp.

2019 Information

Kansas State University actively participates in the program. Prior to this past growing season, no research specific to growing industrial hemp in Kansas had ever been done by a public research institution for the benefit of all Kansans. The [2019 K-State Industrial Hemp Research Reports](#) are now published and accessible via:

- [John C. Pair Horticultural Center 2019 Industrial Hemp Report](#)
 - <https://newprairiepress.org/kaesrr/vol6/iss1/2/>
 - <https://newprairiepress.org/kaesrr/vol6/iss1/1/>
- [Dr. Donghai Wang](#)
- [Department of Agronomy, Manhattan – Plots were lost due to excessive rainfall](#)
- [Dr. Raymond Cloyd Research](#)
- [Dr. Cary Rivard Research](#)
- [Dr. Eleni Pliakoni Research](#)
- [Dr. Jason Griffin Research](#)

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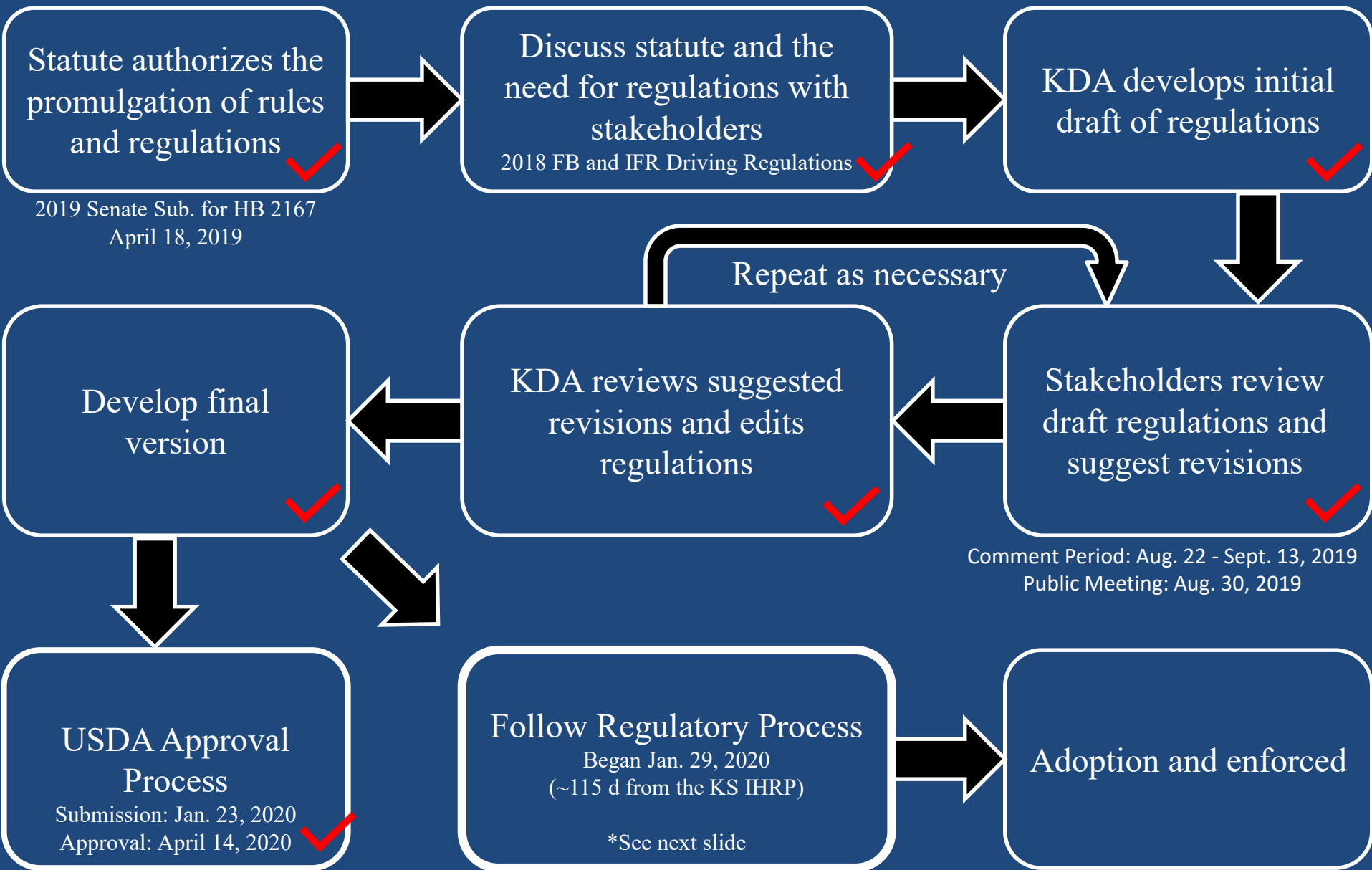
- [Kansas Department of Agriculture: Evaluating the Economic Impact of Legalizing Industrial Hemp Production in Kansas - Anticipated Release – Summer/Fall 2020](#)

Kansas Department of Agriculture- <https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/plant-protect-weed-control/industrial-hemp/industrial-hemp-forums-and-outreach-events>

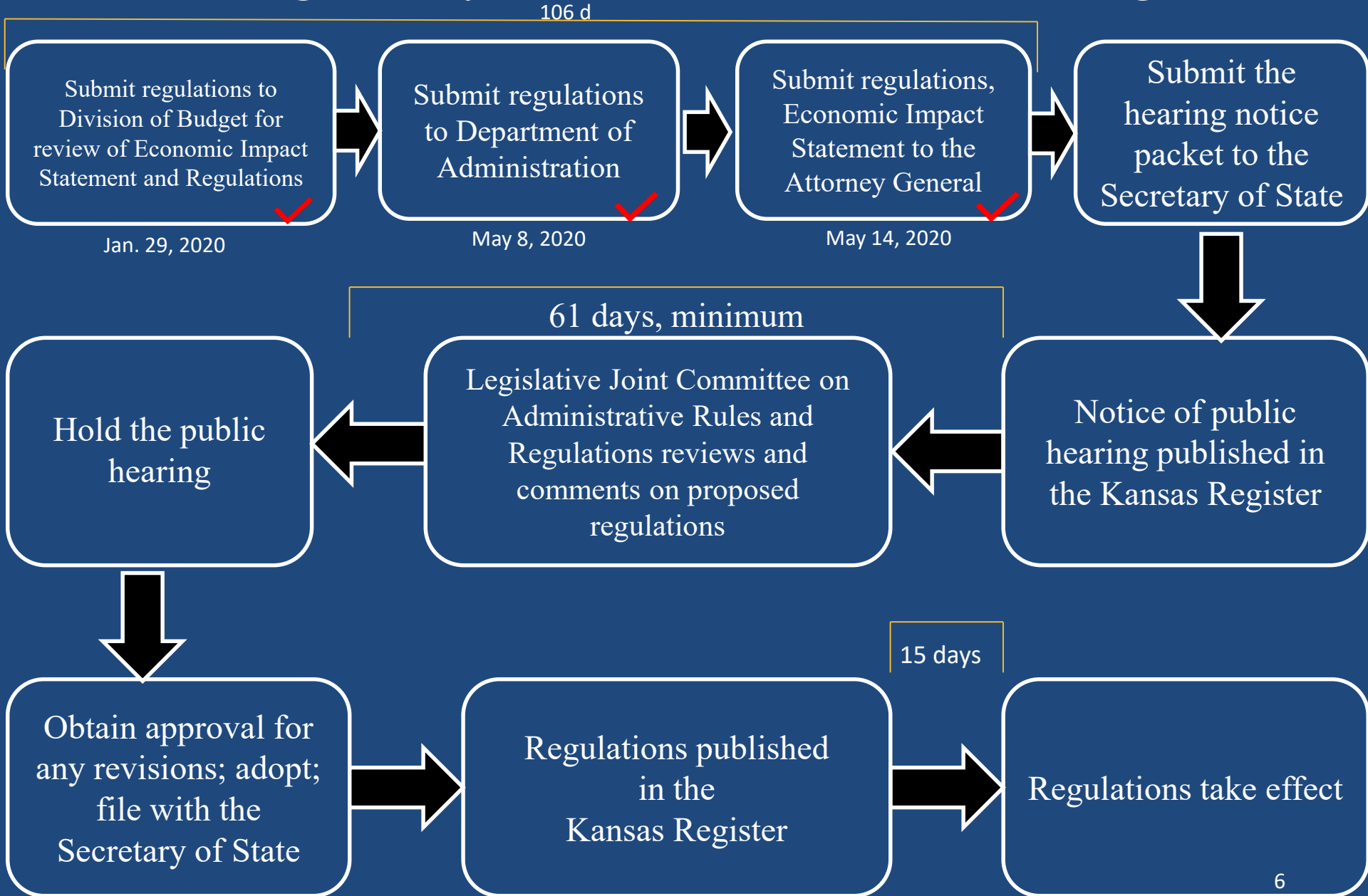
- [Plant Disease in Kansas, Vol. 45, Issue 2; December 19, 2019](#)
- Japanese Bette Risk Assessment- not released
- 2019 Kansas Industrial Hemp Report – not released



Developing Commercial Regulations



Kansas Regulatory Process- Commercial Program



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