

Thom Petersen Commissioner Minnesota Department of Agriculture 625 Robert Street North Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155-2538

Dear Commissioner Petersen:

Thank you for submitting the Minnesota Department of Agriculture hemp plan for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) review and approval.

We have reviewed your hemp plan and found it to be in compliance with the requirements in Subtitle G of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, 7 U.S.C. §§ 16390 – 1639s, and the implementing regulations at 7 CFR part 990. This letter serves as USDA's approval of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture hemp plan. With the approval of your hemp plan, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture has assumed primary regulatory responsibility for hemp production within its jurisdiction. If you would like to amend your hemp plan, please review 7 CFR § 990.4(b) for specific requirements.

Please reach out with any specific questions you might have while implementing the Minnesota Department of Agriculture hemp plan. You can contact us at (202) 720-2491 or <a href="mailto:farmbill.hemp@usda.gov">farmbill.hemp@usda.gov</a>. The most up-to-date information on hemp production can be found here: <a href="www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/hemp">www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/hemp</a>. USDA shares your enthusiasm for your domestic hemp production program, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Sonia N. Jimenez Deputy Administrator Specialty Crops Program