

HEMP SAMPLING RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROCEDURES

PRE-HARVEST SAMPLING PROCEDURE¹

Rock River Laboratory recommends pulling one sample per every acre planted, weekly, after flower emergence.

1. Adequate personal protective equipment shall be used.
2. Proper equipment shall be used to prevent cross contamination.
3. The material selected for pre-harvest sampling will be determined by the grower. Cuttings will be collected to make one representative sample.
4. Refer to the authority having jurisdiction to determine the adequate number of samples and proper locations. In the absence of jurisdictional requirements, the following guidance is given:
 - a. Clip the top 12 inches² of the hemp plant's primary stem, including female floral material.
 - b. Take cuttings from at least five (5) hemp plants within the plot.
 - c. Place the complete sample in a paper bag.
 - d. Seal the bag by folding over the top once and staple the bag shut.
 - e. A separate sample must be taken from each non-contiguous plot of a given variety.
 - f. A separate sample must be taken for each variety.
 - g. Samples shall be secured in a paper bag (to allow for air-drying during transport).
 - h. Label the sample container with a sample ID.

ADDITIONAL STEPS

- Make certain the information referenced on the sample bag matches that on the Rock River Laboratory *Hemp Analysis Request Form*.
- If you are mailing the sample to Rock River Laboratory, please follow all steps in the *Shipping Instructions for Industrial Hemp* document.

¹ US Hemp Authority™. US Hemp Authority™ Certification Program Guidance Procedures Growers Processors/Manufacturers Brand Owners. US Hemp Authority™. 2019, www.ushempauthority.org/docs/US-Hemp-Authority_Certification-Program-Guidance_05-28-19.pdf.

² The method utilized by the Wisconsin Department of Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) requires only 2 inches of plant material. Rock River Laboratory recommends at least 3 inches of plant material to process an accurate sample analysis.