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Bringing Industrial Hemp Home to Indiana

The Indiana Hemp Industries Association and INHIA Members Tippy Hemp, Real Hemp LLC and FoodsAlive, team to host a screening of a highly-acclaimed hemp documentary in Lafayette, Indiana.

Lafayette, IN— Wednesday, June 3, 2015, the Indiana Hemp Industries Association and Hoosier-owned businesses, Tippy Hemp, Real Hemp LLC and Foods Alive, host a free screening of the industrial hemp documentary, *BRINGING IT HOME*.

This hour-long documentary is an intriguing exploration of hemp's potential for the sustainable industry in America: From textiles to building materials to food, hemp is battling its way back onto the field and filling store shelves. But the question remains - if Hoosiers can purchase hemp products, then why are the state's farmers forbidden to grow the crop?

Although the curtain is slowly being lifted, the lack of knowledge and a deep confusion with marijuana have shrouded the many benefits of industrial hemp. Many Hoosiers still have questions regarding the crop's capacity to produce locally-sustainable jobs in various sectors, including agriculture and manufacturing.

In 2013, Indiana Farm Bureau approved the following policy position, "We support the legalization and the production of industrial hemp as renewable fiber energy and for industrial uses only". Indiana's advance continued in March 2014, when Governor Pence signed Indiana's industrial hemp bill, SB 357, which was forwarded to his desk by a nearly unanimous vote. Currently, all states are limited by Section 7606 of the Farm Bill, which only allows the growth and cultivation of hemp to occur by institutions of higher education or state departments for the purpose of researching growth, cultivation or marketing. This month, Indiana will join Kentucky, Tennessee and several other states in growing hemp. Indiana's hemp research will occur at Purdue University.

Indiana's agricultural dominance, coupled with Purdue's international leadership in agriculture and technology, positions the state to take the lead in this burgeoning industry. Join us for an evening with state officials and hemp industry leaders to discuss the future of hemp in Indiana.

Education is the key to success. It is the mission of INHIA, Tippy Hemp and other members of the hemp industry to educate attendees about industrial hemp, current legislation, as well as the many benefits hemp offers Indiana's economy and environment.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 3, 2015. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Screening at 7:00 PM. There will be hemp tastes, coffee, and a variety of hemp products for purchase. A hemp industry panel will provide a short presentation immediately following the screening, with a period of open Q&A

WHERE: Jenks Rest Center at Columbian Park, Lafayette, Indiana. <http://www.jenksrest.com/home.html>

****RSVP: Limited Seating. Please RSVP to jamie@inhia.org by May 27, 2015.**

