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## Explain it: Industrial hemp

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*Industrial hemp grows at the John C. Pair Horticultural Center near Wichita.*

## industrial hemp

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*Jason Griffin is the director of the John C. Pair Horticultural Center, which is a K-State Research and Extension research center near Wichita. Griffin explains, in under 100 words, what industrial hemp is and why Kansas State University is studying it.*

Industrial hemp is not marijuana, but it is the legal and nonintoxicating version of cannabis. It can be harvested for its valuable stem fibers that can be used in many products, from clothing to building materials. The seed, or grain, can be pressed for oil or used in numerous culinary endeavors. Some industrial hemp varieties produce elevated concentrations of oils called cannabidiol, or CBD, oil. This oil is extracted and used in various, popular CBD products. We are researching industrial hemp to provide farmers with science-based recommendations for production of this exciting new crop.

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