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Building a better future for Australian Agriculture

The Peak Body for Hemp Growers in WA

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Our Vision

For the WA Hemp Growers Co-operative Ltd (HempGro) to establish, develop and support a sustainable and prosperous hemp industry for Western Australia.

The WA Hemp Growers Co-operative Ltd is established to build an industry by providing licenced members with assistance and support to grow hemp and processing opportunities.

Industry perspective

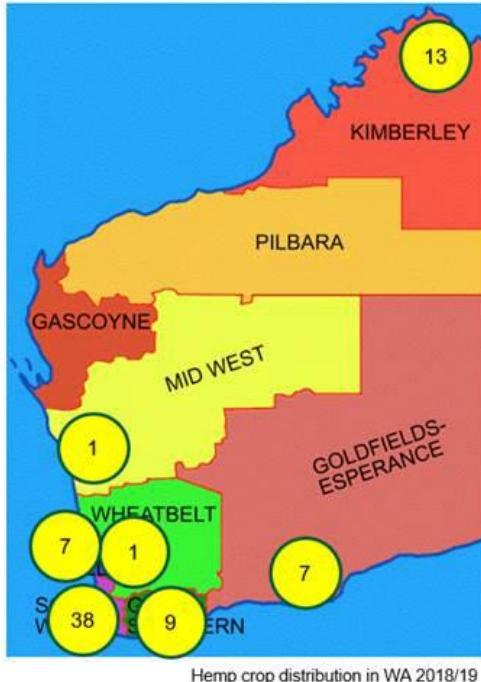
Current hemp activity under licence in WA

Hemp industry in WA	17/18	18/19
Total licensees	42	64
Licensees cultivating	19	32
Crops sown	25	60 (+19)
Total hectares sown	68	492
Varieties sown	5	9 (+7)

Note: Figures in brackets relate to trial sowings

Comparison location	17/18 est ha	18/19 est ha
Northern Territory	N/A	N/A
South Australia	1	150
Queensland	2	80
Western Australia	68	488
New South Wales	300	*
Victoria	500	170
Tasmania	600	1300

*NSW has had a recent change in administration of hemp licensing and current figures not yet available.



- Of the 488 hectares sown in WA, 40% are Co-op members
- Tasmania has a viable industry with over 10 years growing experience
- HempGro is working towards achieving 1300 ha within 3 years.
- Collaboration and sharing knowledge will help the industry grow

The seven co-operative principles guiding our business plan

- Voluntary and Open Membership
- Democratic Member Control
- Member Economic Participation
- Autonomy and Independence
- Education, Training and Information
- Cooperation among Co-operatives
- Concern for Community



Our Achievements so far



1. Establishment of the Board of Management in April 2018 - the first Hemp co-operative in Australia
2. Attraction of 37 farm members since inception
3. Relationship with Hemp-it, the largest hemp co-operative in Europe
4. Harvest Tour for members to France in September 2018
5. The importation of 9T of hemp seed into WA from France in October 2018
6. Board members funding research trips, France, New Zealand and Tasmania to share knowledge
7. Success in WA Hemp Industry Funds Grant Scheme - Seed for the Best Region; seed trial research - French, Canadian, Chinese & Italian varieties
8. Importing up to 11T French seed varieties for the coming season

Our plan for the future is to

1. Establish hemp processing hubs in key locations where members exist
2. Promote hemp farming to communities identified as viable agricultural regions within WA
3. Identifying new markets within the food sector, seed oil market and animal bedding
4. Increase importation of seed varieties from key countries identified as suitable to WA growing conditions and end use production such as fibre, hurd, seed, oil.
5. Ongoing study journeys to areas identified as leaders in hemp production

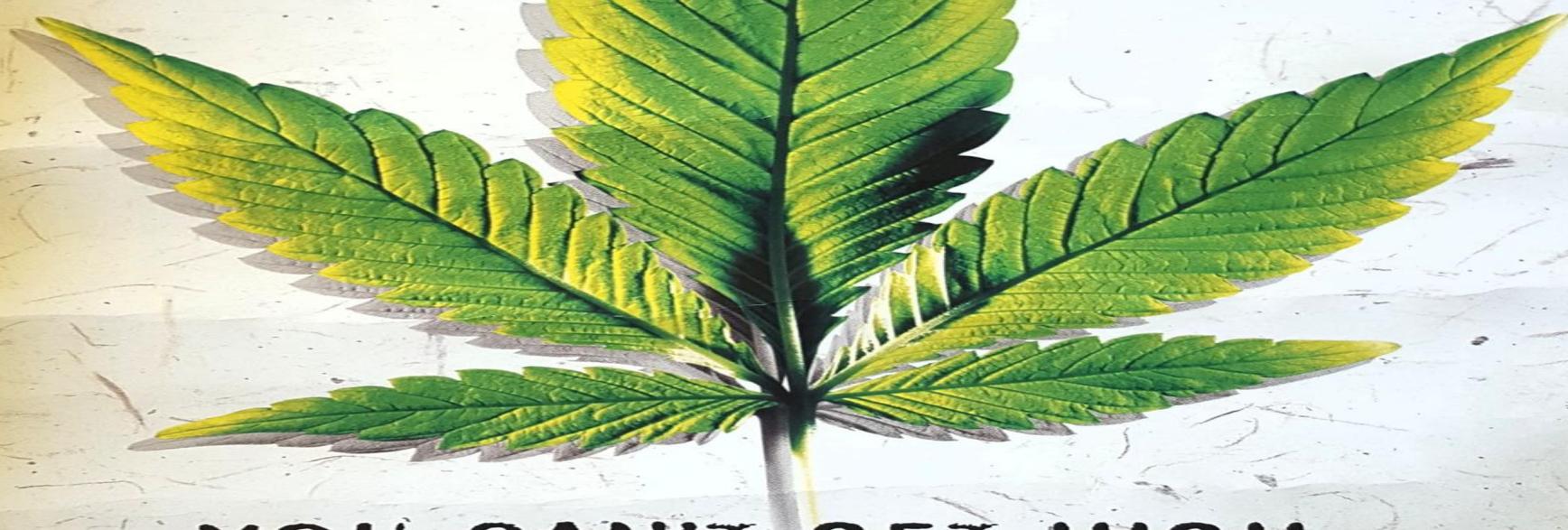


HempGro, collectively we can achieve great things, grow the industry, be leaders in sustainable agricultural practices and build a stronger community.

The Co-operative principles guide us through business development, providing a better future for our members and the communities in which they exist in.



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