

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed adoption of rules 901:14-1-(01-17, 99) and 901:14-2-(01-21, 99) of the Ohio Administrative Code.

The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 decriminalized hemp on a federal level paving the way for state Departments of agriculture to establish hemp cultivation programs across the county. Hemp is a cannabis plant, grown for its many industrial uses. Unlike marijuana, hemp does not produce intoxicating effects. Hemp yields a strong fiber, used in textiles. The seed has nutritional value and can be eaten. Cannabinoids, including cannabidiol or CBD, can be extracted from the plant. Cannabinoids are now being used in food and dietary supplements.

On July 30, 2019, Governor DeWine signed into law Senate Bill 57 (SB 57) which decriminalized hemp on a state level. SB 57 requires the Ohio Department of Agriculture to adopt rules which establish federally compliant standards and procedures for the program. The rules in this package establish the regulations for both hemp cultivation and processing in Ohio.

The hearing will be held on:

**December 18, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.**

**Ohio Department of Agriculture  
Bromfield Administration Building  
Auditorium  
8995 East Main Street  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399.**

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the rule package may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both, may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the no change rule package, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

**More information on the rule package, including a business impact analysis and copies of the rules, can be found by visiting the [Department's Administrative Rule](#) page or by visiting the Register of Ohio at [www.registerofohio.state.oh.us](http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us).**

Any person who wishes to present his position, arguments, or contentions in writing, other than at the public hearing, may do so by either mailing his or her written comments to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, c/o Legal Section, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068; by email at [ecomments@agri.ohio.gov](mailto:ecomments@agri.ohio.gov), or by transmitting by facsimile at (614) 995-4585. Written comments sent by mail shall be postmarked no later than the day of the hearing. Written comments transmitted by facsimile shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

