

## **UF/IFAS Industrial Hemp Pilot Project Sponsors**

Project Sponsors are necessary to fund the Industrial Hemp Pilot Project.

Our first sponsor has initiated the UF/IFAS Industrial Hemp Pilot Project by funding:

- The broad program objectives (hemp variety selection, cropping system development, production economics, and invasion risk assessment)
- 3 production locations (NFREC – Quincy, AFRU – Hague, TREC – Homestead)
- 7-10 acres of production at each location

Our specific investigation is limited to ~30 varieties for fiber and grain, planting date, and fertilization.

Further investigation of production systems, hemp performance at additional locations, and inclusion of processing objectives require additional sponsors.

### **Research Agreement for Project Sponsorship:**

A research agreement is the formal process at UF for project sponsorship. Each sponsor requires a research agreement that includes:

- List of research objectives
- Budget
- Scope of Work or Research Plan
- Timeline of fund transfer and reporting
- Intellectual property and material transfer agreement
- Publicity and publication agreement

### **Things to consider as a potential Project Sponsor:**

- Are your objectives covered by our research plan?
    - If not, how will we have to expand our research capacity?
  - Will you provide funds to expand our scope of work?
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### **Our selection process for identifying and selecting Project Sponsors needs your input:**

- Can and should groups form as collaborative sponsors?
- How should UF evaluate and prioritize prospective sponsorship opportunities and research agreements?
- Should there be a competitive application process? How should UF accept and evaluate sponsorship applications?