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## General Comment

For companies interested in buying hemp or hemp ingredients from farmers, it would be helpful to collect data on three farm production categories: 1) conventional, transitional and certified organic production. Those define separate market categories. Information on actual or intended transitional acres helps inform interested buyers about the future of organic hemp and defines intermediate market availability with market values somewhere between organic and conventional. Transitional hemp would be hemp raised according to the USDA's organic rules on land that has not yet met the three year requirement for organic certification. As precedent, the USDA organic survey collected information on transitional production, distinguishing it from organic production. See tables 28-34 of the USDA Organic Survey.