



*March 4th Meeting*

# **Industrial Hemp Production in Illinois**

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**Location:** Monmouth College, *Center for Science and Business, Mellinger Commons (first floor)*

**Time:** 7 pm presentation (6 pm dinner) \*

*Abstract*

This talk will clarify the differences between industrial hemp and medical marijuana along with the various potential market opportunities for industrial hemp in Illinois.

Results from the 2019 growing season will be presented highlighting production guidelines and issues faced by producers in the first year. Strategies to improve production and reduce risk to producers will also be discussed as we plan for the second year of production.

**Note:** *In December 2018 the US Congress passed a farm bill legalizing industrial hemp production in the United States; the state of IL approved industrial hemp production in Aug 2018 with the first year of production in 2019. Hemp is a source of fiber and oilseed grown in more than 30 countries, but has been outlawed in the US for over 80 years due to its botanical association with marijuana.*

*\*No registration needed for presentation only. Please email [besturgeon@monm.edu](mailto:besturgeon@monm.edu) to register for the dinner in the Monmouth College Stockdale Center Dining Hall.*