



# SOUTHERN ILLINOIS HEMP/CANNABIS SYMPOSIUM

MARCH 28, 2020 • SIU STUDENT CENTER

8-8:30 AM Registration and Vendor Visitation

8:30-8:45 AM Welcome and Program Overview  
(Mike Henry, Mayor of Carbondale  
and Gary Kinsel, Professor and Interim  
Vice Chancellor of Research)

8:45-9:30 AM An Introduction to Hemp  
Production in Illinois and SIU  
Research  
(Dr. Karla Gage SIU School of  
Agriculture and Dr. Dale Buck Hales of  
the SIU School of Medicine)

9:30-10:30 AM Before You Plant

- Rules and Regulations (Jeff Cox, State Office)
- Banking (Steve Schauwecker)
- Insurance (Country Financial-Keith Heiman)
- Security (Keith Bosch)

10:30-11:30 AM Early Season Decision Making

- Seed Selection and Propagation Techniques (Doug Miller, State of Illinois Crop Improvement)
- Seedbed Preparation and Weed Control (Phillip Alberti)

11:30 AM-1 PM Vendor/Sponsor Introductions,  
Door Prizes, Lunch and  
Networking  
Guest Speaker, David Green, Director of  
Laboratory Operations for Kaycha, KY

1-2 PM

In Season Decision Making

- Disease and Pest ID and Control (Dr. Nicole Gauthier Pathologist, University of Kentucky)
- Irrigation and Fertilization Practices (Jennifer Sewell, Director Midwest Hemp)

2-3 PM

In Season Decision Making

- Flowering and Photoperiod Manipulation/Sex Identification (Chris Lewis, IESO)
- THC:CBD Sampling, Testing, and Interpretation (LK Labs)

3-4 PM

End of Season Decision Making

- Harvesting /Drying/Storage Techniques, The Hemp Growing Experience (Trent Lawrence)
- Processing and Marketing Your Product Speaking with Vanessa Retter Educator and Victor Silva

4-4:30 PM

Networking, Survey,  
Equipment Demonstration  
and Adjourn

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