

HEMP-IT AND HEMP-IT ADN ARE SET TO INAUGURATE THEIR NEW PRODUCTION SITES

On Friday 03 June at 2:30 pm, **HEMP-it**, the cooperative specialised in producing industrial hems seeds, and its subsidiary devoted to innovating new hemp varieties, **HEMP-it adn**, will inaugurate their new production sites. The President of the Pays de la Loire region and local elected officials will attend the event.



All our businesses on a single site

Situated in the heart of Maine-et-Loire in Beaufort-en-Vallée, a region historically recognised as a production basin for hemp seeds, this new industrial site is located near several strategic institutions, including the Végépolys Valley competitiveness cluster, the universities in Angers and Nantes, Agrocampus, as well as the research institutes Iteipmai, INRA, SEMAE, GEVES and its laboratory (SNES).

This new building, with a total surface area of 6,000m², includes industrial production facilities and two laboratories. One of the laboratories is accredited for seed certification and the other conducts R&D and genetic research in an aim to develop expertise in biotechnologies and varietal innovation.

New facilities were up and running in the last quarter of 2021

Thanks to new drying floors, we were able to accommodate more volumes coming in during the 2021 harvest. The plant has doubled its drying capacity and can now absorb 80 ha/day at the height of the season, compared to 40 ha at our old site. HEMP-it has also added a new packaging line to its seed production facility. Performance is thus better, and we can now package 15t/h as opposed to 5t/h at our old site.



A new centre dedicated to varietal innovation and R&D

Resulting from our desire to optimise our breeding programmes, this controlled environment will bolster HEMP-it adn's capacity to develop new varieties and biotechnological tools. We also aim to collect data enabling us to penetrate new markets in France and abroad.

The high-potential germplasm coming from these climate-controlled chambers will be more stable and more reliable, therefore ensuring varietal renewal for tomorrow's needs.



New projects on the horizon

HEMP-it wants to develop a hemp protein value chain to meet France's goal to produce more of its own plant protein in compliance with environmental standards. Not only will this new enterprise further promote the hemp industry, but it will also diversify the cooperative's range of activities by supplying farmers with new ways to add value to their crops.

We decided to develop an industrial unit that will allow us to create value through hemp protein derived from dedicated crops and discarded seeds such as those that did not meet standards during sorting and packaging. With this unit, we will be able to meet the demands of manufacturers both in terms of volume and quality, as the goal is to supply the raw materials needed to produce formulas and recipes on an industrial scale. In this way, HEMP-it will promote its hemp at every step of the industry: upstream via investments in R&D and advances in our plant breeding efforts, and downstream via an industrial unit equipped to process hemp and create value in order to penetrate new manufacturing industries.



HEMP-it

Created in 1964 and situated in the French department of Maine-et-Loire in Beaufort-en-Vallée, HEMP-it is an agricultural cooperative specialised in producing and marketing hemp seeds for industrial and bio-based markets. It is currently the European leader for marketed certified seeds in compliance with both international and EU standards, particularly in terms of THC content.

HEMP-it adn

Launched in 2019, HEMP-it adn is our business unit dedicated to innovation and varietal creation. HEMP-it and the FNPC (National Federation of Hemp Producers) are behind this venture, which is led by a progressive and experienced team whose purpose is to create new varieties for tomorrow's markets.

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