

Farm Bill Makes Way For States To Grow Hemp

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DENVER (AP) — The federal government is ready to let farmers grow cannabis — at least the kind that can't get people high.

Hemp — marijuana's non-intoxicating cousin — could soon be cultivated in 10 states under the farm bill agreement reached late Monday. Some wonder if the move is an indication that the federal government is ready to follow the 20 states that have already legalized medical marijuana and recreational pot.

Opponents insist the hemp change doesn't mean pot is closer to becoming legal.

Hemp can be used to make everything from clothes to cooking oil. With the move, the U.S. government is clearing the way for farmers to compete in the hemp industry currently dominated by China.