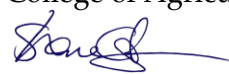
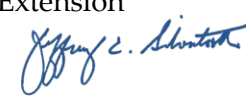


## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 18, 2018

**TO:** All Personnel in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, and the Arizona Experiment Station

**FROM:** Shane C. Burgess, Vice President for Agriculture, Life and Veterinary Sciences, and Cooperative Extension; Charles-Sander Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Director, Arizona Experiment Station   
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**SUBJECT:** Farm Bill and Hemp Production

As many of you are certainly aware, both the Senate and the House of Representatives have passed the most recent proposed Farm Bill, included in which is the removal of hemp from Schedule 1 of the Controlled Substances Act, and which President Trump is expected to sign into law sometime soon. Although this news is certainly cause for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, and the Arizona Experiment Station to begin discussing and planning new education, research, and outreach possibilities in terms of the anticipated legalization of hemp production, it nevertheless remains unclear as to how the change in the law will be implemented and regulated on the state level. This is because the new law allows for States and Tribes to develop and submit to the federal government a plan under which the State or Tribe monitors and regulates hemp production activities. As such, we must await both the details and approval of the State's plan before we can know with certainty the areas of hemp production in which CALS, UA Cooperative Extension, and the Arizona Experiment Station can extend both their missions and the University's mission as Arizona's land grant university. So, while the big picture is one of new opportunities, the fine details are still to be determined.