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Hempsters: Plant the Seed

Henning, Michael, and Diana Oliver. *Hempsters: Plant the Seed.* Burbank: Cinema Libre Studio, 2011. 16 mm, 78 min. https://youtu.be/X4Via-ZyeqQ.

> *Hempsters: Plant the Seed* follows seven activists as they fight to legalize industrial hemp in the United States. Industrial hemp is used in over 30 countries and is widely known to have numerous environmental benefits such as less reliance on oil, more efficient use of energy, forest conservation, soil redemption, and landfill use reduction, to name a few. Over 25,000 products can be manufactured using industrial hemp. Featured in the film is award-winning actor and well-known hemp and environmental activist Woody Harrelson, who challenged Kentucky State law when he planted four feral hemp seeds in 1996. His subsequent trial and acquittal brought the issue to the forefront of mainstream media more than ten years ago, but the fight continues on. Also featured are: Willie Nelson, Ralph Nader and Merle Haggard. *Hempsters* is a thought-provoking and compelling documentary that will not only encourage action, but move us one step closer towards a more sustainable planet. (Source: Cinema Libre Studio)

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Further readings:

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- Small, E. and Marcus, D. "Hemp: A new crop with new uses for North America." In *Trends in new crops and new uses*, edited by J. Janick, and A. Whipkey, 284-326. Alexandria: ASHS Press, 2002.

Related links:

- Official Film Website
  http://www.hempstersthemovie.com/master.html

- State Industrial Hemp Statutes (U.S. National Conference of State Legislatures)
  http://www.ncsl.org/research/agriculture-and-rural-development/state-industrial-hemp-statutes.aspx
- Industrial Hemp (Colorado Department of Agriculture)
  https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/agplants/industrial-hemp
- European Industrial Hemp Association
  http://eiha.org/
- Bringing It Home (Film Profile)
  https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/bringing-it-home
- Standing Silent Nation (Film Profile)
  https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/standing-silent-nation
- Hemp Ethics
  http://hempethics.weebly.com/index.html

Websites linked in this text:

- http://store.cinemalibrestore.com/hempstersdvd.html
- https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project