

Hemp Farming as a cornerstone to Hawaii's Bio-economy



# Hemp farming: Addressing needs in Hawaii's Agricultural Systems

- Efficient broad acre use of agricultural land.
- Regeneration of degraded and polluted soils to optimize soil performance.
- Diversified Agricultural Systems.
- livestock inputs (Straw, Feed, Forage).
- Sustainable Hawaii made building materials.
- ▶ New career opportunities in Hawaii Agriculture.





## Ke Alaula Farms: A Modern Agricultural Collective

- Farming Consortium.
- ▶ Hemp production for regenerating and sustaining agricultural lands.
- Centralized processing of Hemp and Produce Products.
- Create opportunities for import substitution.
- Industrial Job Creation.
- Innovate farming methods







### Our Plan: Products for Hawaii's future

- Co2 Carbon Capture.
- Regeneration of Brown fields and degraded soils.
- ▶ Building Materials: Hemp Herd for Hempcrete Construction.
- Livestock Inputs: Animal Bedding, Feed.
- \*Textiles
- \*Bio plastics







#### **Needs of the Industrial Hemp Farmer**

#### Funding:

- Federal, State or City Grants.
- Specifically for Industrial Hemp Farmers.
- No Matching Funds
- Must have minimum 3 years of Hawaii growing experience in Hemp
- Must have a workforce development aspect to build the future of the industry.

#### **Equipment:**

- Can be purchased by individual organizations with the grant funding.
- Each operation may be at a different scale and a different processing need.
- A State run processing facility would need to be able to handle multiple processing needs.

