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Hemp cultivation today

Although the hemp market has changed for the present-day farmer, McCormmach continued, hemp thrives in an incredible number of applications.

"Today, hemp is used to make clothing, home textiles, nutritional supplements, animal health care products, skin care products, plastics, home construction materials and even automobile and aircraft parts," she said. "Several well-known auto companies are using hemp plastics in the fabrication of door panels, trunks and dashboards. In addition to being inarguably more eco-friendly, hemp plastics are also cheaper and more durable, naturally making them safer than fiberglass counterparts."

Aside from its practical uses in everyday life, hemp most recently has been in the spotlight for CBD and its potential health benefits for mammals.

"Though it has been a long road, one might argue it has been well worth the

journey. It's like climbing the Mount Everest of learning," McCormmach said. "But to learn it, is to love it."

Now, she said, her focus is on the CBD line she developed following its first year's harvest, with the main focus on equine.

"I love this side of the line, because the

leave their big hemp dreams in the dust. But she said she considers these temporary setbacks for hemp. Hemp, she said, is alive and well.

Courtney Moran, president of Oregon Industrial Hemp Farmers Association, shares McCormmach's optimism. She

additional challenges. Many farmers did not grow again in 2020 or 2021 because of the drop in market price. The reserves from previous years of production are getting used up, and farmers have shared with us that they are planning production for 2022, many with smaller acreage than in previous years."

"The Cannabinoid Hemp industry is alive," Moran continued, "and those that have remained in the industry are seeking new opportunities with other minor cannabinoids."

She added, "The future is not in CBD alone, but with the production of a broader range of minor cannabinoids that provide therapeutic benefits. The most recent interest is with CBDA and CBGA after the results from the studies at Oregon State University were made public."

"If federal regulations provide clear pathways for CBD itself," Moran concluded, "we may see a further resurgence for CBD. We encourage the industry to contact their members of Congress to continue to advocate for federal pathways for hemp-derived CBD and to contact state regulators to ensure pathways are opened for sales of minor cannabinoids in state."

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horses don't talk or analyze what you gave them," she said. "You just see the results. And the results are fascinating."

Cultivation has presented many challenges, McCormmach said, and many farmers opted to throw in the towel and

said, "There still is a viable CBD market, it just looks different from a few years ago. In 2019 with so many new farms coming online across the country we saw overproduction, which led to the market decline. The global events that followed created

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