

## **North Dakota Agricultural Products Utilization Commission**

Thank you

I, Roger Gussiaas owner of Healthy Oilseeds, LLC from Carrington, North Dakota. Healthy Oilseeds does cold press expelling, milling and sifting of flaxseed, hempseed and a few other oilseeds. Operating 24 hours per day and seven days per week.

I have received help from APUC, two different times, once for about \$15,000 to try to find markets for the crops we process, flaxseed, hempseed and borage.

The second time I received was about three years ago for \$65,000. This was actually for what is called the Hemp Feed Coalition. The Hemp Feed Coalition was to get hemp products approved for a livestock feed. We needed to do an extensive test on hemp grain to analyze for amino acids, vitamins, contaminants and many other things. The cost of this was \$7,000. The rest of the funds were used for feeding studies.

At the second presentation I said that we are paying to the farmer for the hemp grain \$.55 per pound. In the presentation I said if hemp products including what we call hempseed cake or hemp protein and hempseed oil. If this could be used as a livestock feed we would be able to purchase hempseed grain for \$.70 per pound.

Last year hempseed products were approved for laying hens, chickens. As of last year our price we pay to the farmers is \$.70 per pound.

We have now between our flax, hemp and borage have exported to 26 countries and we do business in 49 states.

In 2025 we are doubling our capacity.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO AG PRODUCTS UTILIZATION COMMISSION**