

Our County, Josephine County, has a critical resource - farmland.

Food is of the highest priority.

Since marijuana and hemp bring in "bigger bucks" than food, they threaten to use vast tracks of our farmland and reduce the critical supply of food (e.g. our local newspaper headline yesterday was "200-acre hemp farm coming to Illinois Valley").

Also since marijuana growers often utilize greenhouses to be able to grow year-round, which are required to have a solid surface under them, they destroy large tracks of valuable farmland that become too expensive for food farmers to ever reclaim.

I am opposed to the two amendments to SB365 which would strip counties of the ability to regulate marijuana production in EFU zones. My County is a prime growing area, and has reasonable regulations in place. We must be allowed to make that choice for ourselves.

FOOD IS MORE IMPORTANT for our wellbeing!

Thank you.

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