



HEMP: HEMP PROTEIN, HEMP OIL, AND MEDICINAL MARIJUANA

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Hemp Protein
Hemp Oil**

Conventional: **This plant is suspect in all forms**

Terms: **Essential Fatty Acids**

HEMP SEEDS

Source: *Eating for Beauty* by David Wolfe



"Make the most of the Indian hemp seed and sow it everywhere."

—George Washington

Hemp grows all over the world, and is believed to have first

appeared on Earth somewhere between Afghanistan and the Fertile Crescent (present-day Iraq). Hemp leaves and seeds were used as a food source long before the beginning of recorded history. Hemp fiber has been used for textiles and rope since the beginning of recorded history. Hemp leaves and seeds were grown and used as food by America's founding fathers. Thomas Jefferson said that the future of America depends on the growth of this crop - hemp!

Hemp seeds are like tiny nuts which develop out of the female hemp flowers. They are small; 1,000 hemp seeds may weigh as little as 15 grams (0.5 ounces).

The taste of hemp seeds is so wonderful, and the history of their cultural use as a food so vast, that most people reconnect with this food immediately upon tasting them.

Nutrition

Hemp seeds are one of the most nutritionally complete foods on the planet earth. They contain all nine essential amino acids in a favorable ratio. They also contain the essential fatty acids omega 3 and omega 6, and they are heavily mineralized.



Hemp Protein (Edestin)

Shelled hemp seeds consist of 36.6% protein, making them, by weight, the highest protein food on Earth, with the exception of algae. 65+% of hemp-seed protein is in the form of globular edestin. The globular form of this protein gives hemp seeds a high protein content without the abrasiveness found in most high-protein foods. This makes hemp seeds uniquely beautifying, in that they are softly, yet quickly, nourishing and strength-building.

Hemp seeds contain an amazing quantity of raw protein, that include the sulfur-bearing amino acids: methionine, cysteine, and cystine. These can be immediately utilized to build strong hair, nails, skin, muscle, and connective tissue. (see "Lesson 7: Alchemical Beauty Secrets").

Many people are allergic to abrasive protein foods such as dairy, soy, whey, or peanuts. No allergies to hemp protein have yet been reported to me. Hemp seeds are free from trypsin inhibitors found in certain seeds, such as soybeans that interfere with protein digestion.

Hemp seeds, along with vegetables, nuts, other seeds, and, if needed, certain algae and/or bee pollen, can adequately supply high quantities of proteins and amino acids to allow success with a raw-food lifestyle.

Hempseed Oils

Hemp seeds are the only food known that contain the exact ratio of essential fatty acids (one part omega 3 to three parts omega 6). Flax seeds and flax oil provide therapeutic quantities of omega 3, yet hemp seeds provide a long-term stable source of omega 3, omega 6, as well as omega 6 (GLA), and omega 9 (a beautifying monounsaturated fat).

Omega 3 fatty acids (found in hemp seeds, hemp oil, flax seeds, and flax oil) are essential fatty acids (they are called "essential" because they must be present in our diet to experience good health). These fatty acids are strong antioxidants. They protect us from the sun and build beautiful skin. They also strengthen the immune system and help us to burn excess fat.

Hemp seed is the highest natural source of gamma linolenic acid (GLA), a type of super-omega 6 fatty acid that has strong anti-inflammatory properties. GLA also helps maintain hormonal balance.

Within unsprouted hemp seeds we find small undeveloped green leaves waiting to be sprouted, **making hemp seeds one of the few unsprouted seeds that contain chlorophyll.**

Hemp seeds contain a significant quantity of **lecithin**. This nutrient is excellent for building the internal organs (liver, brain, etc.).

Because hemp is such a strong plant (still close to its natural state), even non-organic hemp crops are typically not sprayed with pesticides.

Minerals

Hemp seeds are one of the most mineral-rich foods found on Earth. They contain the following impressive array of minerals and trace minerals (listed in order of dominance):

- Phosphorous (an energy mineral)
- Potassium (an energy mineral)
- Magnesium (opens over 300 different detoxification pathways in the body)
- Sulfur (a beauty mineral)
- Calcium (relaxes the digestive tract and muscles)
- Iron (a blood-builder and an oxygenator)
- Manganese (a blood-builder and an oxygenator)
- Zinc (a beauty mineral)
- Sodium (balances potassium, feeds the adrenals)
- Silicon (a beauty mineral)
- Copper (reverses gray hair)
- Platinum (an enzymatic master mineral)
- Boron (assists with calcium assimilation, normalizes hormones during menopause)
- Thorium
- Strontium
- Barium
- Nickel (plays a key role in enzyme metabolism)
- Germanium (sits on the end of the DNA strand)
- Tin (helps reverse male pattern baldness)
- Tungsten
- Titanium
- Zirconium
- Iodine (a thyroid mineral, reverses hypothyroidism) Chromium (a pancreatic mineral)

Silver (an enzymatic mineral)

Lithium (an alkaline mineral)

*Note: This mineral list is derived from *Drugs Masquerading As Food* by Suzar. Comments about the minerals are provided by David Wolfe.

THC and Hemp

Only two to three percent of hemp varieties are considered "marijuana." This is because only they have a particularly high level of THC (delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol), the psychoactive ingredient found in their leaves and flowers that creates the "high."

Nevertheless, hemp seeds and oil do contain trace amounts of THC.

THC is not all bad; in its raw unheated state, it is one of the most powerful antioxidants known. Studies suggest that a dose as high as 5 milligrams of THC causes no psychoactive effects in an individual weighing 68 kilograms (150 pounds). **To obtain 5 milligrams of THC from hemp seeds, one must consume 2.5 kilograms (5 pounds) of shelled hemp seeds (containing 2 parts per million of THC) in a day.** Even though they taste amazing, consuming 5 pounds of them in a day would be quite a feat!

How To Eat Hemp Seeds

Hemp seeds are great eaten alone as a snack. They go well sprinkled on **salads**. They blend well and add richness and flavor to smoothies and salad dressings.

Hemp seeds may be soaked in water, if desired, to lower enzyme inhibitors typically found in seeds. I personally like to eat them plain, without soaking them in water.

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Serving size 2 scoops (1oz/30g)
Servings per container 30

Amount Per Serving

Calories 121 Calories from Fat 36

	% daily value*
Total Fat 4g	6%
Saturated Fat 0.5g	3%
+ Trans 0g	0%
Cholesterol 0g	0%
Sodium 2mg	<1%
Total Carbohydrate 8g	2%
Dietary Fibre 5g	20%
Sugar 1g	
Protein 14g	30%

Vitamin A <1%	Vitamin E 33%
Vitamin C 1.5%	Calcium 5%
Iron 35%	Magnesium 86%
Potassium 10%	Vitamin B6 12%
Omega 3 0.8g	Omega 6 2.6g

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

Ingredients: Certified Organic Hemp Seed
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- The only plant protein powder with easily digestible Edistin protein
- Complete with all 10 Essential Amino Acids including 2 for children
- Perfect ratio of Omega 3 & 6 Essential Fatty Acids including 2-4% GLA
- Antioxidants: Chlorophyll & Vitamin E (tocopherols & tocotrienols)
- Vitamins, minerals & dietary fiber. Gluten and enzyme inhibitor FREE

Usage: Hemp Protein is the perfect high performance plant-based whole food and may be used in place of all protein sources. Mix generously 2 scoops or more with fresh juices, in smoothies/shakes and all your favorite recipes as a convenient meal. Opaque non-reactive packaging used to protect nutrients from oxidation. Refrigerate after opening.

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How to Select Hemp Seeds

To be imported into the United States, hemp seeds must be cracked out of their shells (hemp agriculture is illegal in most of the U.S., but the laws are changing quickly because of the realized value of this incredible plant).

Imported hemp seeds from Canada are currently available by mail order, and they are also found in some healthfood stores. [read: [Whole Foods Market](#)]



VIDEO



Hemp For Victory (1942)



US government propaganda film made during WWII touting the virtues of hemp. The film was aimed at farmers at a time when the military was facing a shortage of hemp, it shows how hemp is grown and processed into rope and other products.

View: http://www.archive.org/details/Hemp_for_victory_1942

Director: Raymond Evans

HEMP PROTEIN: EAT THE NUTRIENTS

Source: *Natural News*, http://www.naturalnews.com/027691_hemp_protein_seeds.html

Researchers claim that if no other food is consumed, hemp seeds could sustain a human life for a few months without causing nutrient deficiency problems. In fact, hemp protein was used in Europe during tuberculosis outbreaks to reverse the wasting away caused by the disease.

With a protein structure of 66% edestin and 33% albumin, hemp seeds (latin: sativa) contain all 8 essential amino acids plus 2 conditionally essential amino acids. In addition to its surprising protein profile, it also contains the perfect ratio of omega fatty acids researchers recommend for good health: 3- omega-3's to 1-omega-6.

Why Are Amino Acids Important?

A human being needs 21 amino acids to survive: Eight are essential and must be obtained from food; two are conditionally essential and can be synthesized if all the eight essential amino acids are consumed. No other plant or animal source, aside from hemp, contains the first ten amino acids necessary for health. Nor do any of them contain the fatty acid ratio essential for life.

Hemp seeds are not unique among plant seeds in having all the essential amino acids. However, they are unique in that they have them in the correct ratio and they are in the form of globulin edestin at 65% of the protein content. The other 35% of the protein content is albumin.

The globulins contained in hemp seeds are one of the seven classes of 100% pure amino acids. Globulins make up the portion of seed between the embryo and the seed coat and they are a fraction of all animal and human blood. Edestin globulin comes from seed; globulin is in blood plasma. Globulin and albumin are classified as globular proteins. All the enzymes, antibodies, many hormones, hemoglobin, and fibrogin are made from globular proteins.

Albumin, globulin, and fibrogin make up the fluid part of blood plasma. The protein portion of the blood answers the call of tissues in need by providing nutrients, vitamins and minerals.

Similarly albumin and globulin provide all the nutrients to the seed embryo until it can begin to provide its own through leaf photosynthesis. The seeds of most plants contain all the necessary nutrients for metabolic activity.

Since globulin is the third most abundant protein in the human body, it is no surprise that it acts as a catalyst for many other processes, acts as an enzyme and performs necessary functions within the plasma. It is responsible for the activity of the cells which make up the immune system. These cells are responsible for recognizing and destroying foreign invaders such as toxins, viruses, and dangerous bacteria.

Our body also needs other amino acids in sufficient quantity in order to manufacture other globulin proteins and cells structures. Most foods do not contain sufficient quantities of these essential amino

acids nor the right kinds. Additionally, amino acids in many foods, especially animal foods, are not available to the body most of the time. Part of the problem is the structure of the foods which contain them, the other because humans are not sufficiently equipped as meat eaters to digest them. This can result in certain globular protein deficiencies which can result in weakened immune systems.

Since hemp seeds contain 65% globulin edestin and 35% albumin, both in a highly digestible state, it contains a protein panel similar to that of human blood. In addition to the necessary amino acids, it contains the right 3:1 ratio of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids our bodies need to be healthy. Hemp seeds also contain sufficient quantities of zinc, iron, and magnesium, three of the most common metals/minerals implicated in mineral deficiency diseases.

HOW LEGALIZING HEMP WOULD BE A BOON FOR HUMANITY

Source: *Natural News*, http://www.naturalnews.com/031926_hemp_legalizing.html

(NaturalNews) Mike Adams recently interviewed Phil Moffett, who is running for governor of Kentucky. Phil is proposing that Kentucky defy the federal government's ban on hemp. His focus is on industrial hemp, not medical marijuana, and he wants to return this cash crop to Kentucky's farmers.

There's even more to hemp than cash flow.

Hemp for Nutrition

Hulled hemp seeds, their powders and cold pressed oils provide all the essential amino acids for easily digested high protein. Hemp is not only very high in omega-3, **but it provides an almost perfect ratio of omega-3 to omega-6.** It is truly a super food.

Hemp is so nutritionally dense that one could survive on hemp seeds alone during extreme food shortages. *If hemp were legal, you could easily grow your own.*

Hemp Improves Farming

Hemp plants don't need pesticides or synthetic fertilizers, which rely mostly on the phosphate industry. A phosphate industry byproduct is the fluoride that is sold to municipalities for our daily poison. Hemp's thick roots ward off weeds, and growing hemp improves the soil's nitrogen, making that soil better for other crops. They would be useful and lucrative rotation crops for organic farmers.

Hemp plants have a growth cycle of only four months. In mild climates, harvesting hemp up to three times in one year would create an annual cash cow for farmers. The cannabis taboo is eliminated by allowing the male plants to continually pollinate the female plants. This reduces psychotropic THC to legal levels.

Eliminating Toxic Petrochemical Plastics

There is a clump of plastic waste residue larger than the state of Texas floating in the middle of the Pacific. A lot of it is expected to decompose, creating a plastic soup in the ocean. The toxins from this plastic soup spread out into other oceanic regions and are hazardous to fish and bird wildlife. This soup could find its way into our kitchens as well!

All kinds of plastics are produced with hemp, from clear wraps for foods to automobile parts. Hemp plastics are durable and heat resistant. And they are bio-degradable. Currently, the French auto industry is making some of its automobile parts from hemp. Henry Ford pioneered this in 1941 when he built his "vegetable car" with hemp and flax. It was stronger and lighter than steel cars.

Ford's hemp-mobile also used hemp bio-diesel fuel, which creates very little pollution. The petroleum industry didn't approve of that. Hemp seeds were even used to make paints and lacquers in the mid-1930s.

Petrochemical plastics for all purposes could be replaced with hemp plastics that are non-toxic and bio-degradable. Bye-bye BPA!

More Trees for Tree Huggers

Pulp from trees is used to make paper. But anything wood pulp can do, hemp fibers can do better. Paper from trees can be recycled three times. Hemp paper can be recycled eight times. Since hemp was banned in the USA in 1937, 70% of the USA's forests have been eliminated.

It's estimated that one acre of hemp produces more oxygen from CO2 and methane than 25 acres of forest. One idea is to have inner city hemp plots to improve urban air quality. We wouldn't need bogus carbon tax legislation.

Pulping trees for paper creates more waste and consumes more energy than most enterprises. This industry consumes more water than almost all others. It is the fifth largest industry consumer of energy, and it emits a good deal of toxicity in the process.

In 1937, hemp was banned just after a machine was invented to remove hemp fibers rapidly in large quantities. Humanity suffers from the reaction of threatened industries.

JUICING MEDICAL MARIJUANA THE LATEST TREND IN AMAZING CURES

Source: *Natural News*,

http://www.naturalnews.com/034599_medical_marijuana_juicing_cures.html

(NaturalNews) There have been a few articles written about the multitude of environmentally sustainable industrial applications of hemp. There have been perhaps many more written about the medical applications of cannabis. Now there is a formerly skeptical California doctor who has found

the optimal method of using marijuana for health.

Unfortunately, the DEA, an arm of the U.S. Justice Department, has made sure marijuana remains as a Class I drug under federal law. This classification means that a drug can be easily abused without acceptable safety even under medical supervision and basically has no medicinal merit.

The DEA declared this despite the fact that 926 medical research studies on non-psychoactive cannabidiol (CBD) and other cannabinoids recorded in PubMed on September 22, 2011 were mostly positive with their pharmacological findings. And another government agency, The Department of Health and Human Services has a U.S. research patent on CBD from 2003.

This is an excellent governmental example of government bureaucracy double think: It's a dangerous drug that's useless as medicine and we're researching it as a medicine. The question is for whom? The Health and Human Services research is conducted by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which is currently researching CBD's potential for curing cancer.

They are getting positive results also. In addition to eliminating pain and anxiety, CBD seems to make cancer cells die. Many already know this. But it appears that an arrangement is underway to synthesize and patent a CBD formula for big profits. Dr. Alan Frankel, MD explains the slight difference between the THC and CBD molecules in this three minute video (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQc4iJedmfc>).

The unusual new approach for healing with THC/CBD hemp

The current methods of taking in medical marijuana include: Smoking, vaporizing, ingesting edibles, and reducing THC hemp into a vial of concentrated hemp oil. They all have healing qualities, but the concentrated hemp oil that Rick Simpson discovered seems to have been the most efficacious form of medical marijuana, at least up to now (http://www.naturalnews.com/027756_cancer_cure_Big_Pharma.html).

Now it appears that Dr. William Courtney, MD, has discovered the best way to take in CBDs and other beneficial cannabinoids without the THC becoming psychoactive even though it's still in the plant: Eating or juicing the whole raw marijuana plant.

Dr. Courtney explains that heating marijuana destroys enzymes and excites the THC's psychoactive effects. But if ingested raw the CBD takes over, and dramatic healing activity occurs without the high.

Dr. Courtney met a very ill young lady who had moved into California to take advantage of that state's medical marijuana freedom. After getting limited results from smoking or vaporizing pot and eating marijuana cooked edibles, she got involved with Dr. Courtney and was cured completely in a few weeks.

The method of cannabis ingestion she used mostly was juicing the whole plant. The leaves can be eaten as salad also. The branches are too fibrous for direct consumption or juicing. The young lady's testimony and Dr. Courtney's explanations can be viewed here (<http://healthmaven.blogspot.com/2012/01/power-of-raw-cannabis.html>).

The only obstacle is legality. The federal government is booting out state rights and harassing medical marijuana outlets and plant nurseries. Growing marijuana in sufficient quantity for juicing is impractical under current law

(http://www.naturalnews.com/034502_medical_marijuana_states_Obama.html).

So Dr. Courtney is on a mission to obtain a United Nations consensus for cannabis as a vegetable. The raw plants eaten or juiced don't get anyone high as CBDs overwhelm THC's.

Dr. Courtney considers the marijuana plant's cannabinoid content so healthy eaten or juiced raw, that it would be the most disease preventing and curative food on the planet.

PBS DOCUMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS MARIJUANA'S AMAZING ABILITY TO TREAT DISEASE

Source: *Natural News*, http://www.naturalnews.com/033829_marijuana_disease_treatment.html

(NaturalNews) The advent of the internet and the free flow of information that has enlightened the minds of millions, the mainstream media can no longer simply ignore or deny the truth about marijuana's medicinal capacity.

This was made evident in a recent PBS documentary that highlighted marijuana's ability to alleviate pain, treat epilepsy, and even cure cancer. But now that the cat is out of the bag, the stage is being set for Big Pharma to freely synthesize and patent marijuana's healing components, not necessarily for the plant itself to become legalized.

Though mostly positive in its portrayal of cannabis, the PBS report does contain some sound bytes from Dr. Eric Voth, Chair of the Institute on Global Drug Policy, a longtime, and very outspoken, opponent of medical marijuana. But all in all, the documentary is a compelling and highly-informative piece that may help to eventually turn the stigmatic tides of fear and superstition that surround this taboo plant.

To watch the full ten-minute PBS report on medical marijuana entitled *Clearing the Smoke: The Benefits, Limits of Medical Marijuana* visit:

<http://video.pbs.org/video/2103797319>

In the piece, a PBS interviewer speaks with an anonymous woman from Montana who has essentially cured her epilepsy by eating raw marijuana butter. The woman moved from her unidentified home state, which does not allow for the use of medicinal marijuana, where a law was passed in 2004 that permits doctors there to recommend medicinal marijuana to their patients.

"I used to be on approximately 14 different prescriptions and I would still have up to 12 seizures a day," says the woman to the PBS reporter. "I used to take two handfuls of pills. No more. I'm not using [marijuana] to get any psychological effects off of it, I'm just eating the butter raw with bread."

She goes on to say that she had tried virtually every anti-epileptic drug on the market, but to no avail. Of all the treatments she has tried, raw marijuana butter, which is completely natural and free of both toxic and synthetic additives, has been the only one to provide real benefits. And as an added bonus, there are no harmful side effects associated with the consumption of raw marijuana butter like there are with anti-epileptic drugs.

Conventional medicine is unable to grasp the concept of synergistic medicine

Dr. Voth's argument against marijuana in the PBS piece is prefaced with his opinion that because the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not proven the plant to be safe and effective, it is not a real medicine. But the reason for this, as most *NaturalNews* readers already know, is not because marijuana is unsafe or ineffective -- it is because whole marijuana cannot be patented by drug companies, which pay millions to get their drugs approved, and thus keep the FDA in business.

But what is even more disturbing is Dr. Voth's total failure to understand the concept of synergistic medicine, or the benefits that can be derived from consuming a whole plant or herb rather than just its so-called "active components." Dr. Voth laments the fact that people who smoke or consume medical marijuana are exposing themselves to dozens of different cannabinoids and various other substances, rather than just an extract of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), for instance.

In the mind of Dr. Voth and conventional medicine, only an "active component" that has been individually tested and shown to produce a specific, measurable effect by itself is considered a valid medical treatment. Consuming a whole herb or plant to treat disease, on the other hand, is a foreign concept to people like Dr. Voth who simply cannot comprehend the idea that the multitude of components found in medicinal foods and herbs work in tandem with one another to produce a synergistic benefit. And such components might not be as effective -- and may even be harmful -- if they are removed from the others and isolated, or created synthetically.

"Marijuana contains anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and probably anticancer compounds in it," adds Dr. Donald Abrams, an oncology physician and professor of clinical medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). "I'm a cancer doctor and I often suggest to my patients that they consider marijuana for their loss of appetite, nausea, pain, depression, and insomnia. That's one medicine they can use instead of five."

But Dr. Voth insists that medical marijuana as we currently know it is potentially dangerous, and the only way it should ever be used is in an isolated drug form. From this platform, of course, Big Pharma is given the green light to extract, manipulate, synthesize, and otherwise tamper with marijuana in its pure form in order to produce a patented version of marijuana's active components.

US Institute of Medicine has already confirmed that marijuana has medicinal properties

Despite all the ballyhoo from marijuana naysayers, though, the truth still remains that whole marijuana has demonstrable medicinal properties. And the plant works differently from conventional medicine in that it is effective without producing dangerous side effects. Even the US Institute of Medicine (IoM) has confirmed that marijuana in its natural form is therapeutic, particularly for epileptics, having released two separate reports on the subject.

You can view samples of those two IoM reports at the following links:

Marijuana and Health: Report of a Study

<http://books.google.com/books?id=8E3NXew8MIUC&printsec=frontcover&dq=...>

Marijuana and Medicine: Assessing the Science Base

http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=6376&page=R4

And based on numerous patents filed by drug companies for synthetic and isolated component versions of marijuana, the plant apparently has the ability to treat "almost everything," according to PBS. These include its ability to treat multiple sclerosis (MS), Alzheimer's disease, rheumatoid arthritis, Parkinson's disease, Tourette's, epilepsy, heart disease, obesity, mental illness, and cancer.

Thus, drug companies want marijuana all to themselves because they know how effective it truly is. And they have worked hard to effectively block its legalization in whole form in the hopes that it can eventually corner the market on patented drug versions, which of course have the potential to reap billions of dollars in new revenue.

Again, be sure to check out the complete PBS excerpt on marijuana for yourself at:

<http://video.pbs.org/video/2103797319>

And to learn more about marijuana, visit the *NaturalNews* archives at:

<http://www.naturalnews.com/Marijuana.html>