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U.S. farmers experimenting with hemp as China trade war drags on



A sample of industrial hemp seeds is shown at a research station site in Haysville, Kansas, U.S., May 2, 2019. REUTERS/Julie Ingwersen

HAYSVILLE, Kansas (Reuters) - A growing number of U.S. farmers battered by low grain prices and the threat of a prolonged trade war with China are seeking salvation in a plant that until recently was illegal: hemp.

A cousin of cannabis plants that produce marijuana, hemp is used in products ranging from food to building materials and cannabidiol, or CBD oil, which is being touted as a treatment for everything from sleeplessness to acne to heart disease.

Interest in hemp picked up with the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill in December, which removed hemp from the federal Drug Enforcement Administration's list of controlled substances and put it under the oversight of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Unlike marijuana, industrial hemp doesn't contain enough of the psychoactive chemical THC to give users a high.

The new rules call for the USDA to award hemp planting licenses to farmers but the agency has not yet regulated the process, meaning individual states are still issuing the licenses.

Industrial hemp plantings this year could double from the 78,176 acres seeded in 2018, said Eric Steenstra, president of advocacy group Vote Hemp. In 2017, 25,713 acres were planted on pilot programs authorized under the 2014 farm bill.

The U.S. hemp market is growing along with supply. U.S. sales of hemp reached \$1.1 billion in 2018 and are projected to reach \$1.9 billion by 2022, according to Vote Hemp and the Hemp Business Journal, a trade publication.

The profit potential is high: A good yield of food-grade hemp, for instance, can net farmers about \$750 per acre, said Ken Anderson, founder of Prescott, Wisconsin-based hemp processor Legacy Hemp. Hemp seeds can be baked in to bread or sprinkled onto cereal or salads.

"That's a profit that blows corn and wheat and everything else out of the water," he said. By comparison, soybeans bring in \$150 or less per acre, and sales of the U.S. crop to China have fallen sharply since the onset of the trade war last year.

Before they can cash in on hemp, however, U.S. farmers must learn the science of producing an unfamiliar crop and wrestle with shifting regulations and other uncertainties.

"Nobody has any experience whatsoever," said Rick Gash, 46, a businessman in Augusta, Kansas, who plans to grow his first-ever hemp crop on a horse pasture on his old family property.

CBD oil, which is concentrated in the hemp plant's flowers, made up an estimated 23 percent of hemp sales in 2017, according to the Hemp Business Journal.

While the USDA oversees hemp planting, regulation of hemp products mostly falls to The Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Though the agency has not approved food and supplements containing CBD, such products are widely available and the agency has done little to curtail their sales.

Furthermore, the FDA mainly has jurisdiction over commerce between states, meaning products developed and sold locally in states that have more tolerant laws for hemp products is legal.

"To date, the FDA has only gone after people making aggressive claims - cancer treatment claims, AIDS treatment claims and the like," said attorney Jonathan Havens, former FDA regulatory counsel and current co-chair of cannabis law practice at Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr.

Other CBD products with no health claims or 'soft' claims have drawn no federal enforcement, he said, "causing many people to confuse availability with legality." The FDA said in a statement to Reuters it had developed a strategy to evaluate existing CBD products and create lawful pathways for bringing them to market. The agency knows some companies are marketing products containing hemp-derived compounds in ways that violate the law but has prioritized those making unwarranted health claims for enforcement action, the FDA said.

"Our biggest concern is the marketing of products that put the health and safety of consumers at greatest risk, such as those claiming to prevent, diagnose, treat, or cure serious diseases, such as cancer," the agency said in the statement.

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Global finance officials say risks to growth skewed to downside

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Global financial officials on Saturday said risks to worldwide economic growth were "tilted to the downside" due to factors such as trade tensions, policy uncertainty and the sudden tightening of financial conditions.

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Growth is projected to firm up in 2020, it said.

In Europe, many of the global factors weighing on growth appear to be waning, keeping alive expectations for a recovery in the second half of the year, European Central Bank President Mario Draghi said.

But he also warned that factors that undermine confidence, including the risk of a hard Brexit and a global trade war, continue to "loom large," putting growth at risk.

Elevated trade tensions have been a central talking point at the IMF and World Bank meetings this week and have been widely cited as a primary driver behind the weakening of the global economy.

Earlier, China took a swipe at U.S. President Donald Trump's "America First" policies that have sparked a trade dispute between the world's two largest economies, including tit-for-tat tariffs on hundreds of billions of dollars of goods.

Central bank governors and other global finance officials sit for a group photo at the IMF and World Bank's 2019 Annual Spring Meetings, in Washington, 2019. REUTERS/James Lawler Duggan

The higher risks are presenting themselves against a backdrop of limited policy space, historically high debt levels and heightened financial vulnerabilities, officials said in the joint communique of the International Monetary Fund's steering committee.

The statement from the International Monetary and Financial Committee, or IMFC, was released at the spring meetings of the IMF and World Bank in Washington. Earlier this week, the IMF cut its global growth outlook for the third time in six months.

IMF chief calls for central bank accountability, communication

The world economy will likely grow 3.3 percent this year, the slowest expansion since 2016 and 0.2 percentage points below the global lender's estimate from January.

The IMFC urged the world's central banks to form monetary policy aimed at ensuring that inflation remains on track toward targets and that expectations for price increases remain anchored. "Central bank decisions need to remain well communicated and data-dependent," it said.

The committee also said fiscal policy should



Central bank governors and other global finance officials sit for a group photo at the IMF and World Bank's 2019 Annual Spring Meetings, in Washington, . REUTERS/James Lawler Duggan

"The protectionism of some countries has harmed mutual trust among countries, limited the scope for multilateral cooperation, and impeded the willingness to achieve it," Chen Yulu, a vice governor at the People's Bank of China (PBOC), said in a statement to the IMFC.

"Unilateralism and protectionism can

only exacerbate domestic imbalances and impair necessary structural adjustments, which can negatively affect the countries concerned as well as global growth," he said.

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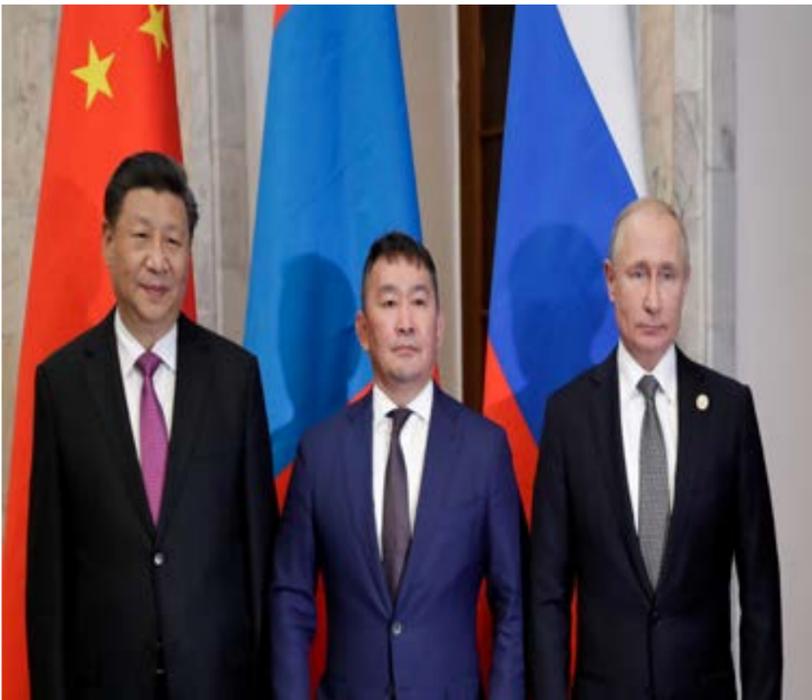
U.S. Presidential Candidate and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders greets supporters after a rally at Brooklyn College in New York



Toronto Raptor fan Musni reacts as he watches Game 6 of the NBA basketball Finals between the Toronto Raptors and the Golden State Warriors on a large screen in a fan zone in Calgary



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China's President Xi Jinping, Mongolia's President Khaltmaagiin Battulga and Russia's President Vladimir Putin attend a meeting on the sidelines of the SCO summit in Bishkek



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Masked revellers take part in the Carnival in Venice, REUTERS/Yves Herman



Annual gay pride parade in Tel Aviv

Quest Diagnostics, one of the largest blood testing providers in the country, warned last Monday that nearly 12 million of its customers may have had personal, financial and medical information breached due to an issue with one of its vendors.

In a filing with securities regulators, Quest said it was notified that between Aug. 1, 2018, and March 30, 2019, that someone had unauthorized access to the systems of AMCA, a billing collections vendor.

“(The) information on AMCA’s affected system included financial information (e.g., credit card numbers and bank account information), medical information and other personal information (e.g., Social Security Numbers),” Quest said in the filing.

The clinical laboratory company said in a release that an “unauthorized user” gained access to a system used by American Medical Collection Agency (AMCA), a billing vendor hired by a Quest contractor called Optum360.



Quest said the information that may have been exposed included Social Security numbers and medical information, but not test results.

AMCA first notified Quest on May 14 of “potential unauthorized activity” on its payment page, Quest said. Two weeks later, according to Quest, AMCA then told Quest and Optum360 more about the breach, including the number of patients potentially affected and what information was accessed.

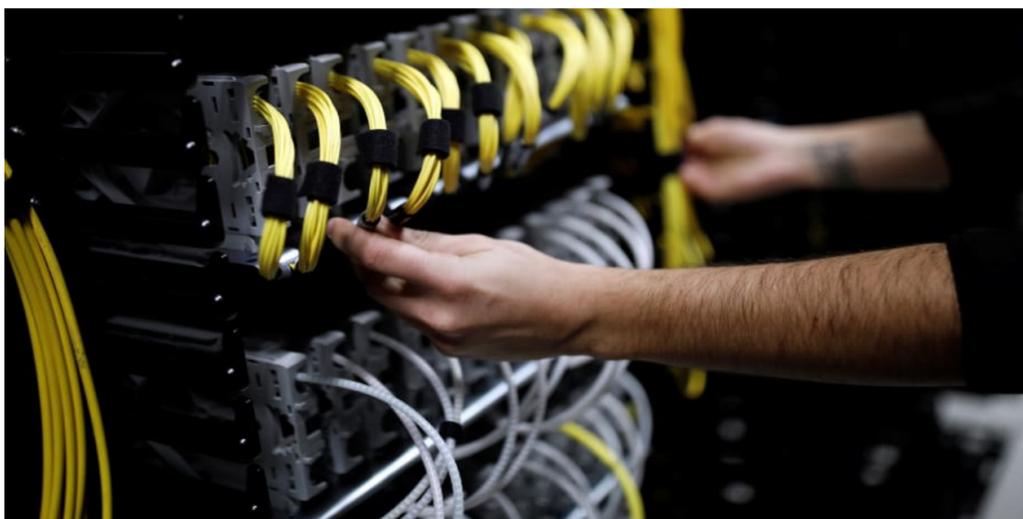
Quest (DGX) said it has suspended using AMCA and that it was using “forensic experts” to examine the issue.

It also said that AMCA has not provided “detailed or complete information” about the hack, including which customers might have been affected.

In a statement to CNN Business, Op-

Breach Includes Credit Card Numbers And Bank Account Information, According To A Filing

Quest Diagnostics Says Up To 12 Million Patients May Have Had Financial, Medical And Personal Information Exposed



OVERVIEW

Quest Diagnostics, one of the nation’s biggest blood testing providers, warned millions of its customers may have had information breached. In a filing with securities regulators, Quest said it was notified that someone had unauthorized access to a vendor’s systems for 7 months. Quest said it was told that as of May 31, information on roughly 11.9 million of its patients was stored on the affected system.

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tum360 said its data systems “were not impacted” and said that security is “critically important to us, and we are actively working with Quest and AMCA to understand this issue and ensure appropriate actions are being taken.”

AMCA also released a statement saying it’s investigating the incident and remains “committed to our system’s security, data privacy, and the protection of personal information.”

“We are committed to keeping our pa-

tients, health care providers, and all relevant parties informed as we learn more,” Quest said in the release.



Quest’s stock was unchanged on the news. The company has roughly 2,200 locations across the United States, according to its website.

While customers’ broad medical information might have been compromised, Quest said AMCA did not have access to actual lab test results, and so therefore that data was not impacted.

Quest said it was told that as of May 31, information on roughly 11.9 million of its patients was stored on the affected

AMCA system. The company said it has not received “detailed or complete” information from AMCA about the breach yet. “Quest Diagnostics takes this matter very seriously and is committed to the privacy and security of patients’ personal, medical and financial information,” the company added in the filing.



In a statement later Monday, the firm representing the American Medical Collection System said it was investigating the “data incident.”

“Upon receiving information from a security compliance firm that works with credit card companies of a possible security compromise, we conducted an internal review, and then took down our web payments page,” the statement said. “We hired a third-party external forensics firm to investigate any potential security breach in our systems, migrated our web payments portal services to a third-party vendor, and retained additional experts to advise on, and implement, steps to increase our systems’ security. We have also advised law enforcement of this incident. We remain committed to our system’s security, data privacy, and the protection of personal information.” (Courtesy <https://www.nbcnewyork.com>)

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Federal Government Starting To Apply Antitrust Heat On Big Tech



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Broad U.S. antitrust action against Big Tech moved firmly from the speculative realm to the investigative mode in the last few days, as both Congress and regulatory agencies appeared to be moving forward with inquiries.

The big picture: While the pressure on the likes of Google, Facebook, Amazon and Apple has been mounting for years, the one-two punch of a public Congressional investigation into their dominance and possible antitrust probes by regulators marks a major escalation in tensions.

•Last year saw high-profile testimony by CEOs like Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, but the action will now shift to more mundane yet substantial document and evidence gathering that would form the basis of court cases or settlements.

The House Judiciary Committee said Monday that it was launching a bipartisan investigation into whether big tech platforms are engaged in monopolistic practices.

•A person familiar with the investigation said that, in addition to public hearings, the inquiry would include requesting documents from a wide range of companies.

•That could allow the committee to receive information from small competitors of the tech giants who would otherwise be wary of testifying publicly, the person said.



•“Given the growing tide of concentration and consolidation across our economy, it is vital that we investigate the current state of competition in digital markets and the health of the antitrust laws,” said Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), the committee's chairman.

•Tech stocks fell in Monday trading as the

federal interest in the companies came into focus.

Between the lines: The investigation could help lawmakers develop a factual record to shape legislation overhauling the nation's antitrust laws, which reformers say are inadequate for reining in corporate power as it exists today.

The announcement followed reporting over the weekend and into Monday that the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission had split up the field of investigations into anti-competitive behavior by tech giants.

•DOJ got Apple and Google, according to the Wall Street Journal and Reuters.

•FTC got Amazon and Facebook, according to the Washington Post and the Journal.

•While the agencies' plans remain somewhat unclear, the Journal reported that interest in investigating Google and Facebook was more advanced.

Why it matters: Of the many ways critics want to address concerns about Big Tech, antitrust action has always been among the most significant — although it was largely seen as the least likely route.



•It could result in action as serious as the firms being broken up, but even if it doesn't, it could seriously distract the platforms' efforts to grow their main businesses and anticipate new waves of tech innovation. Microsoft learned this lesson the hard way after its antitrust fight with Washington two

decades ago.

Looking Ahead: Congressional hearings on the issue will unfold in the coming months, and signs that DOJ and FTC are moving forward with formal investigations into the tech giants could leak out in the form of official inquiries sent to the companies or their competitors.

Once inquiries like this get started, they develop their own momentum even as they proceed at what feels like a leaden pace to tech insiders. These companies likely face years of entanglement. (Courtesy axios.com)

Big Tech grilled on hate speech, accountability at Code Conference

The attacks on the tech industry were many and frequent throughout the first two days of the Code Conference.

Why it matters: There has always been a measure of skepticism on stage at Code, but this year the negative side of tech was the

primary focus, with only occasional mentions of new products or technology.



Vox's Ezra Klein, RAICES' Erika Andiola and RAICES' Jonathan Ryan (from left to right). (Photo/Vox Media) Details:

•**Hate speech:** On Monday night, executives from Facebook, YouTube and Twitter were all peppered with questions about their role in allowing hate speech and harassment to flourish on their platforms.

•**Immigration:** On Tuesday, the CEO of immigration rights center RAICES, Jonathan Ryan, argued that the tech industry is enabling the Trump administration's violation of immigration rights at the border. He called out Palantir, Amazon, Salesforce, Dell and Hewlett Packard Enterprise as among the firms making the work of ICE possible. “The tech industry deserves a lot of blame for what is happening on our borders,” Ryan said. (Full video here.)

•**Accountability:** Later in the day, author Baratunde Thurston highlighted some of the points in his New Tech Manifesto. He called on attendees to push for a tech industry that collects less data and is more transparent and accountable, but also is attuned to the potential misuse of their creations. He added, “we should start treating people's data as a part of their property.” (Courtesy axios.com)

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