



Cannabis Control Board

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MARCH 5, 2026

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2026, Board Meeting
- IV. Consideration of Adult-Use Applications for Approval
- V. Consideration of Adult-Use Licensee Amendment Requests
- VI. Consideration of Adult-Use Applications for Renewal
- VII. Consideration of Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary Renewals
- VIII. Consideration of Certain Applications with Non-Viable Locations Requesting the Board Determine Whether Granting the License Would Promote Public Convenience and Advantage
- IX. Consideration of Laboratory Testing Permit Renewal
- X. Consideration of Adult-Use Application Denials
- XI. Consideration of Medical Cannabis Regulations
- XII. Discussion of Gotham Buds LLC Request for Cannabis Control Board Declaratory Ruling
- XIII. Consideration of Canopy Expansion Amendments
- XIV. Office of Cannabis Management Report
- XV. Public Comment
- XVI. Adjourn



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EXECUTIVE SESSION IN PROGRESS

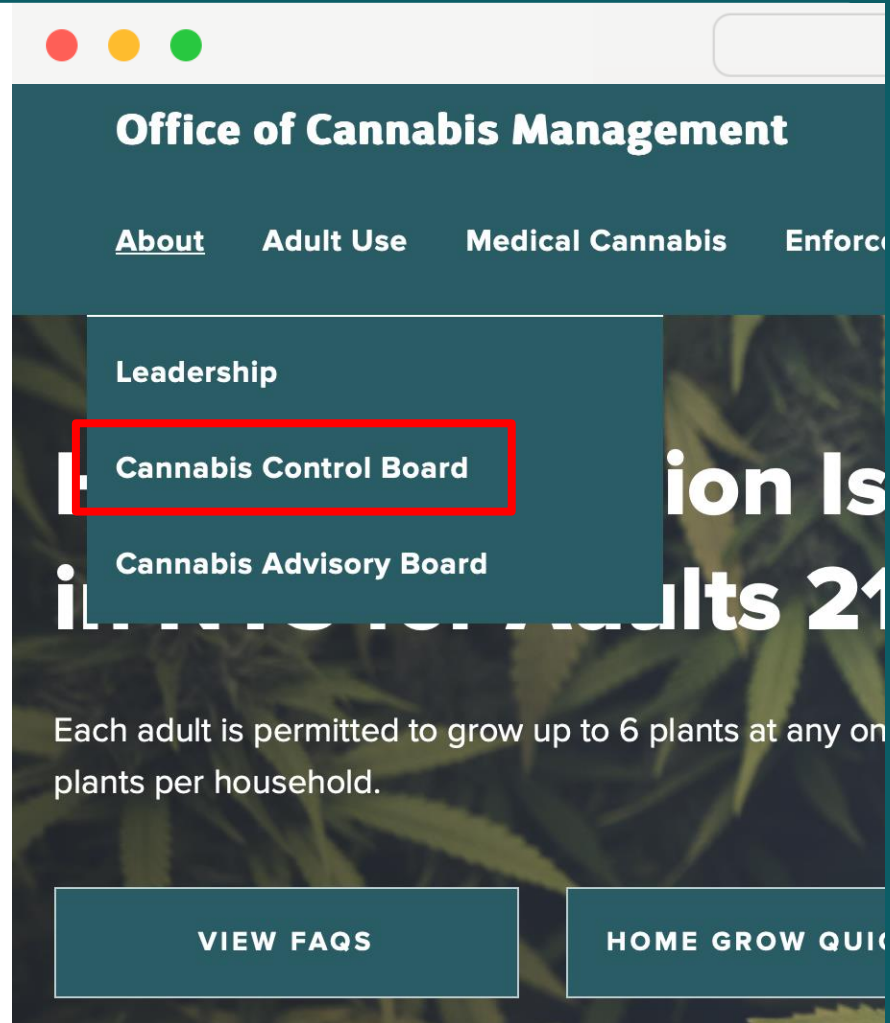
THE MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 5, 2026 BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, within two weeks, the following is provided on cannabis.ny.gov on the Cannabis Control Board page:

- Meeting minutes
- Meeting transcript
- Meeting video

The public was provided with information on how to access this meeting in the Public Notice. An unabridged video recording, an unabridged transcript, will be made available on the OCM website within two weeks of the Board meeting.



CONSIDERATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS LICENSES FOR APPROVAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

- On October 4, 2023, OCM opened an application window for adult-use licenses. The application window included applications for cultivators, processors, distributors, retail dispensaries and microbusinesses.
- The application window closed on November 17, 2023, for retail and microbusiness applications who were applying with a location. The remaining applications closed on December 18, 2023. Overall, nearly 7,000 applications were received.
- **20 AU applications** are being recommended for approval today and all have satisfied the necessary requirements in accordance with the Cannabis Law and regulations.
- The Office is actively reviewing and issuing additional adult-use licenses on a rolling basis. If the Office has been in contact with you, please respond to any deficiency letter with the requested information to keep your application processing.



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12: CONSIDERATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS LICENSES FOR APPROVAL

CONSIDERATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS LICENSES

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

Application ID	License Type	Entity Name
OCMCAURDP-2024-000123	CAURD	Elise Pelka
OCMCAURDP-2025-000003	CAURD	Legacy Lifestyle Cannabis LLC
OCMCAURDP-2025-000009	CAURD	NYHAM LLC
OCMCAURDP-2025-000023	CAURD	Exotic Kingdom Cannabis Dispensary LLC
OCMCULT-2023-000093	AU Cultivator	WESTWOOD PRESERVE LLC
OCMCULT-2023-000306	AU Cultivator	Guy Matalon Grows LLC
OCMDIST-2023-000314	AU Distributor	ATR Processing LLC
OCMDIST2-2025-000007	AU Distributor	NanoCann Independent Research LLC
OCMDIST2-2025-000012	AU Distributor	Heaven Holding Inc.
OCMMICR-2023-000477	AU Micro	Service Women Pro Cannabis CORP.
OCMMICR-2023-000536	AU Micro	LFG Distribution, LLC
OCMPROC-2023-000363	AU Processor	Live Flower, LLC
OCMPROC-2023-000530	AU Processor	Nile of NY, LLC
OCMPT3B-2025-000091	AU Processor	Bau-Aj LLC
OCMPT3B-2025-000114	AU Processor	Tedd Jean-Paul Holding LLC



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12: CONSIDERATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS LICENSES FOR APPROVAL

CONSIDERATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS LICENSES

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

Application ID	License Type	Entity Name
OCMPT3B-2025-000115	AU Processor	One LED Group LLC
OCMRETL-2023-000501	AU Retail	Green Room Dispensary LLC
OCMRETL-2023-000847	AU Retail	Twisted Cannabis FLX LLC
OCMRETL-2023-002066	AU Retail	Brooklyn Buds Dispensary Inc
OCMRETL-2023-002099	AU Retail	On The Bus Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12: CONSIDERATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS LICENSES FOR APPROVAL

ADULT-USE CANNABIS LICENSE TOTALS

License Type	March Board Meeting	Total Licenses Issued
Adult-Use Cultivator License	2	245
Adult-Use Distributor License	3	232
Adult-Use Microbusiness License	2	321
Adult-Use Processor License	5	532
Adult-Use Retail Dispensary License	4	506
CAURD Final Licensed	4	325
Total	20	2,161

NOVEMBER QUEUE

PENDING APPLICATIONS

License Status	Count
Final License Issued	780
Provisional Licenses Issued	232
Applications Under Review (in different statuses of review)	196
Applications that have been "Closed" (Denied, Withdrawn or Voided)	395
Total	1,603

DECEMBER QUEUE

PENDING APPLICATIONS



Adult-Use
Cultivators

127



Adult-Use
Processors

84



Adult-Use
Distributors

170



Adult-Use
Microbusiness

873



Adult-Use
Retail Dispensary

2,704

CONSIDERATION OF ADULT-USE LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUESTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13

- **Sections 13(1), 67(2), 126(1), and 129 of the Cannabis Law** allow the Board to authorize amendments to cannabis licenses and permits. Sections 120.18(d)(1)(iii), 132.9(9)(ii), and 130.7(f) of Title 9 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations outline the criteria for such amendments.
- The Office of Cannabis Management launched an amendment survey on August 27, 2024, which allows adult-use cannabis licensees to request certain amendments including location or cultivation tier changes which require Board approval in accordance with the cannabis regulations. The Office has begun the review of amendments submitted and will be reviewing requests on a rolling basis.
- For the applications listed in the attached resolution, the Office is recommending approval. The licensees have provided all necessary information in accordance with the cannabis regulations.



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13: CONSIDERATION OF ADULT-USE LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUESTS

CONSIDERATION OF ADULT-USE APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14

- All Adult-Use licenses issued pursuant to **Article 4 of the Cannabis Law** must renew their license every two years.
- A renewal application's submission requires Community Impact Plan details, proof of a valid Labor Peace Agreement, employee demographic, wage, and benefit information, proof of a Notice to Municipality form if applicable, and a required license fee.
- The Office has reviewed the renewal applications as identified in *Attachment A* of the attached resolution and is recommending approval.

🔍 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14: CONSIDERATION OF ADULT-USE APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL

CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONAL ADULT-USE APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15

- **9 NYCRR §116.6(a)(2)** states that “prior to the expiration of the first renewal date, licensee shall submit an application to renew the license as prescribed by the Office and include such information and fees, if any, as the Office may require.
- The Chairperson of the Board has made a preliminary determination to renew CAURD licenses to certain individuals and entities that have applied for license renewals, as identified in *Attachment A of the attached resolution*.
- Pursuant to **Section 76(4) of the Cannabis Law**, Municipalities and community boards may issue an opinion as part of this renewal process. For those who have issued an opinion, a response will be sent to that Municipality of Community Board detailing how their opinion was considered in the decision to renew.



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15: CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONAL ADULT-USE APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN APPLICATIONS WITH NON-VIABLE LOCATIONS REQUESTING THE BOARD DETERMINE WHETHER GRANTING THE LICENSE WOULD PROMOTE PCA

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16

- There is **one (1)** matter before the Board today in which the applicant has proposed a location that does not meet the distance requirements set forth in **N.Y. Comp. Codes R. & Regs. Tit. 9 § 119.4(a)**.
- The applicants have requested the Board proceed with the review of the entire application and determine whether granting the license would promote public convenience and advantage pursuant to **9 NYCRR § 119.4(b)**.



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16: CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN APPLICATIONS WITH NON-VIABLE LOCATIONS REQUESTING THE BORD DETERMINE WHETHER GRANTING THE LICENSE WOULD PROMOTE PCA

CONSIDERATION OF LABORATORY TESTING PERMIT RENEWAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17

- Pursuant to **Section 130.4 of Title 9 of the NYCRR**, cannabis laboratory permit holders must submit annual permit renewal applications.
- The laboratories have all submitted renewal applications including verifying qualifications of laboratory personal and ISO accreditation.
- The Office recommends to renew the cannabis laboratory permits for these **nine (9) laboratories** that have received the Chairperson's preliminary determination to renew a cannabis laboratory permit.

🔍 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17: CONSIDERATION OF LABORATORY TESTING PERMIT RENEWAL



DENIALS DISCUSSION

CONSIDERATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS PROPOSED REGULATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-18

- Extends the length of patient certifications from one year to two years.
- Allows “reciprocity” for medical cannabis patients from other states, territories, and the District of Columbia to obtain medical cannabis from New York registered organizations.
- Lowers the age for personal home cultivation of medical cannabis for certified patients from 21 to 18 years (and likewise for designated caregivers).
- Allows patients and designated caregivers to possess the Penal Law limits (3 ounces cannabis/ 24 grams concentrate) or a 60-day supply of medical cannabis, whichever is greater.
- Allows 18–20-year-olds to serve as designated caregivers.
- Removes certain reporting requirements for practitioners (PMP)



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-18: CONSIDERATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS REGULATIONS

GOTHAM BUDS LLC REQUEST FOR CCB DECLARATORY RULING

SUPPLY SIDE ANALYSIS & STRATEGY

FRAMING THE SUPPLY DECISION: MEETING DEMAND WITHOUT CREATING OVERSUPPLY

New York must increase its cannabis supply to meet accelerating demand, without triggering oversupply that destabilizes the market.

MARKET INFLECTION POINT

- Period of rapid retail growth and market maturation
- METRC implementation complete
- 2026 outdoor cultivation cycle rapidly approaching

IF SUPPLY LAGS DEMAND

- Sustained product shortages
- Upward price pressure
- Consumers and producers migrating to illicit channels
- Retail instability

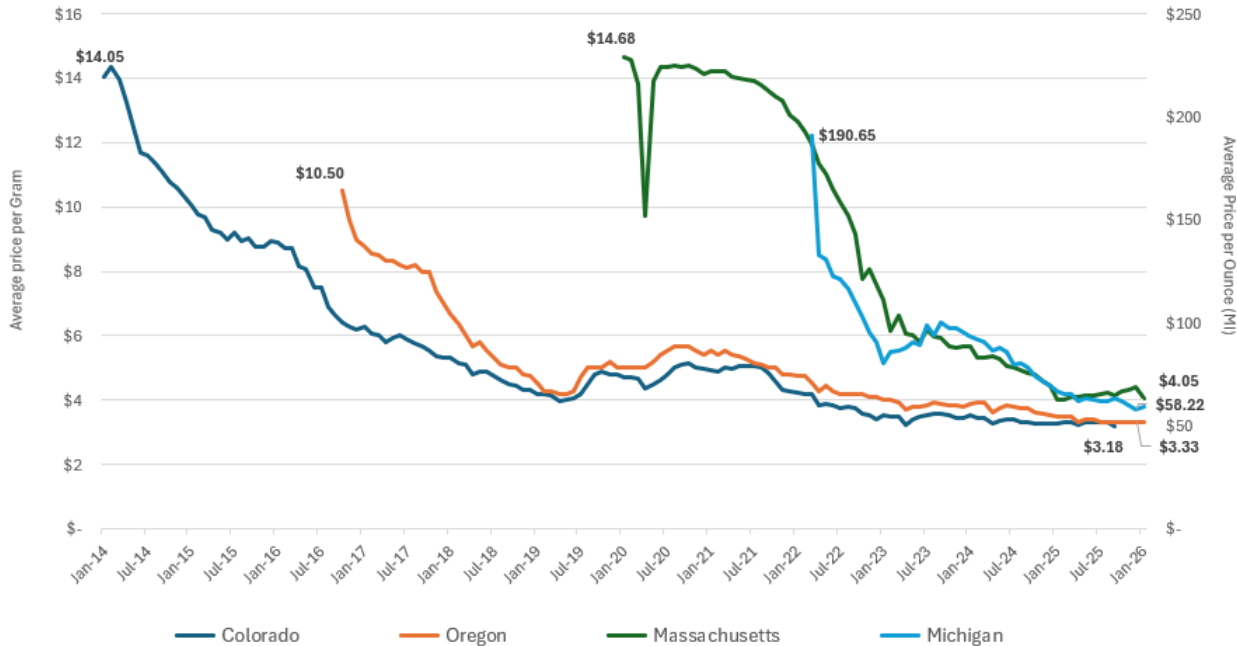
IF SUPPLY EXCEEDS DEMAND

- Price compression
- Grower financial distress
- Business failures
- Long-term structural instability

Guiding principles: Promote equity, protect long term market health, preserve opportunity for new entrants, mitigate risk by taking data-driven and incremental approach, enforce against illicit market.

EXCESS AUTHORIZATION CONTRIBUTED TO OVERSUPPLY-INDUCED PRICE DESTABILIZATION IN OTHER MATURE MARKETS

Retail Price Trends in Adult Use Markets*
CO, OR, MA (Gram); MI (Oz.)



* Average price per gram (CO, MA). Median price per gram (OR). Avg price per ounce (MI)

**-72% Average Price Decline
Across States**

	Percent Change	Program Maturity (mo.)
CO	-77%	141
OR	-68%	112
MA	-72%	73
MI	-69%	47

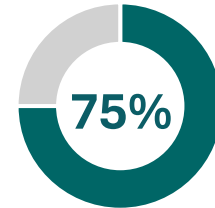
THE BOARD HAS LICENSED 560 CULTIVATORS TO DATE; NOT ALL OF 9.1M SQFT. AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN ACTIVATED

Cultivating Licenses* Issued and Sqft. Authorized by Grow Type
Adult-Use, Program-to-Date

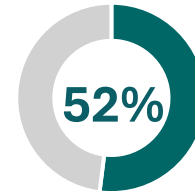
Grow Type	# Licenses Issued	Sqft. Authorized
Outdoor	154	5.3M
Mixed Light	75	750K
Indoor	264	2.2M
Combination	67	829K
Total	560	9.1M

* Cultivating licenses include all licenses authorized to grow cannabis:
Adult-use Cultivators, Microbusinesses, and ROD/RONDS.

Cultivator Supply Survey Insights



Est. Operational Licenses
representing 88% of authorized canopy

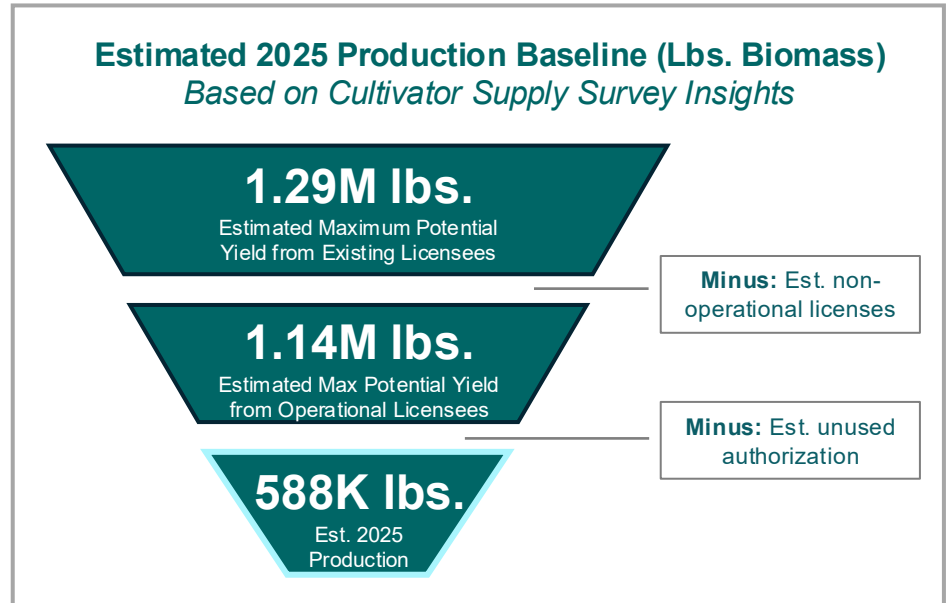


Est. Utilization of Canopy
by operational licenses

BY THE END OF 2025 LICENSEES ACTIVATED AN ESTIMATED 46% OF MAXIMUM CAPACITY, OR ~588K LBS OF BIOMASS

ESTABLISHING A BASELINE

- Through mid-Feb 2026 the Board has licensed **560** cultivating licenses for the AU market, capable of a combined **1.29M lbs.** in total annual production capacity. **~46%** of that capacity has been activated as of Dec 2025.
- Estimated 2025 production baseline is based on operationalization (% who are growing) and utilization (% of sqft. used) reported by current licensees in Cultivator Supply Survey and STS.
- We have not yet factored in any assumptions related to year-over-year growth from existing licensees or new canopy authorization.

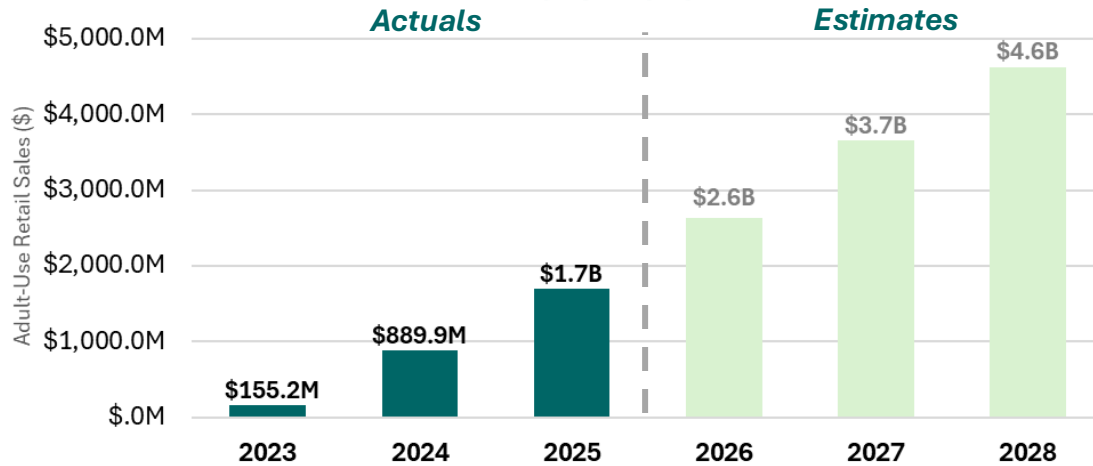


Note: Estimated 2025 Production number differs slightly from analysis shown at previous CCB meetings. This is due to incremental licensure and operationalization in 2025 Q4, as well as refinement of previous assumptions using early STS data.

NY'S ADULT-USE MARKET HAS GROWN RAPIDLY SINCE THE PROGRAM BEGAN; OUTYEAR FORECASTS SUGGEST THIS WILL CONTINUE

Actual and Estimated Annual Retail Sales

2023 - 2028



1,097%
Sales Growth
(2023-2025)

\$2.6B
Est. Sales Forecast
for 2026

\$13.6B
Est. Cumulative
Sales (2023-2028)

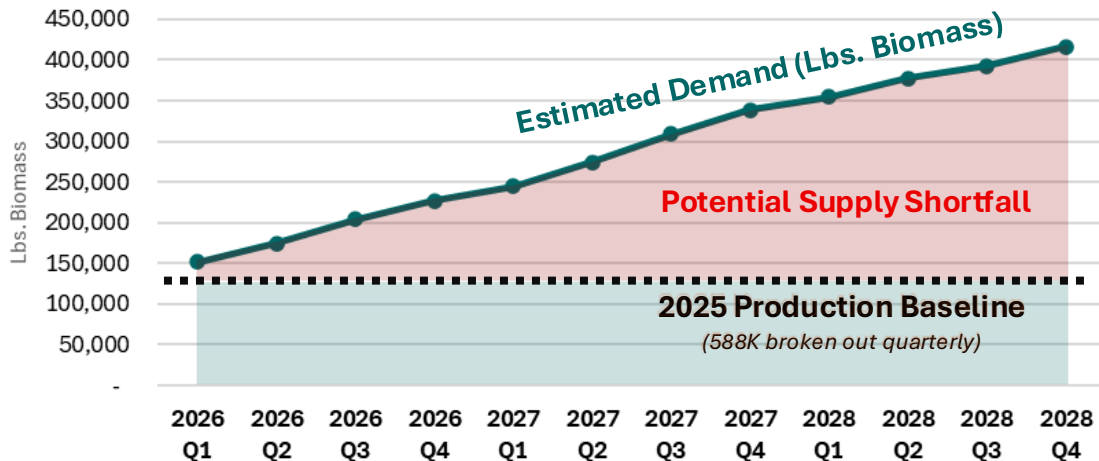
- Retail sales have grown significantly program-to-date. Retailers reported approximately \$1.7B in sales in 2025, up more than tenfold from 2023.
- OCM forecasts suggest continued market growth over next 3 years.
- Demand for biomass also expected to grow rapidly to support evolving product manufacturing requirements.

Note: Sales forecasts assume adequate supply management, as significant undersupply would likely limit unit sales while significant oversupply could contribute to price crashes that negatively impact sales totals. Additionally forecast does not consider exogenous events like macroeconomic shocks, federal legalization, etc.

DEMAND FOR BIOMASS IS PROJECTED TO GROW ALONG WITH SALES, DWARFING CURRENT OUTPUT LEVELS

Estimated Quarterly Demand (lbs) vs. 2025 Baseline

2026 Q1 - 2028 Q4



- Current production run rate will not be sufficient to meet growing demand.
- Year-over-year production ramp-up from existing licensees may help close this gap.
- If a shortfall still exists, Board/OCM intervention may be required.

ADDITIONAL CANNABIS CAN BE BROUGHT INTO THE MARKET VIA 6 AVENUES; ONLY 3 ARE WITHIN BOARD'S CONTROL

ACTIONS THAT CAN INCREASE AMOUNT OF CANNABIS IN MARKET

MARKET-DRIVEN ACTIONS

(Board can observe, not direct)

- Non-operational licensees begin operations
- Operational licensees increase efficiency with existing canopy
- Operational licensees utilize more of existing canopy authorization
- New RO's qualify for ROD/ ROND licenses

REGULATORY LEVERS

(Board/OCM can act)

- Licensees change tier/grow type within currently permitted tiers
- Expand permitted tiers for existing cultivation licensees
- Authorize more canopy via new licensure (via December Queue)

OPERATING TIMELINES REQUIRE A TWO-PRONGED APPROACH TO ADDRESSING POTENTIAL SUPPLY SHORTFALL

Board Lever	Timing of Impact	Est. First Sale Date	Strategic Use
Tier Increases	6+ mo.	Oct 2026	Increase short-term supply
New Licensure	18+ mo.	Oct 2027	Stabilize long-term production



OCM recommends utilizing tier increases to address immediate supply shortfalls while prioritizing new licensure for supply over the medium- to long-term.

APPROXIMATELY 356K LBS. OF BIOMASS ARE NEEDED FROM TIER INCREASES TO ADDRESS IMMEDIATE SUPPLY GAP



Growing Period: Jan '26 to Dec '26



Sell-through Period*: Oct '26 to Sep '27



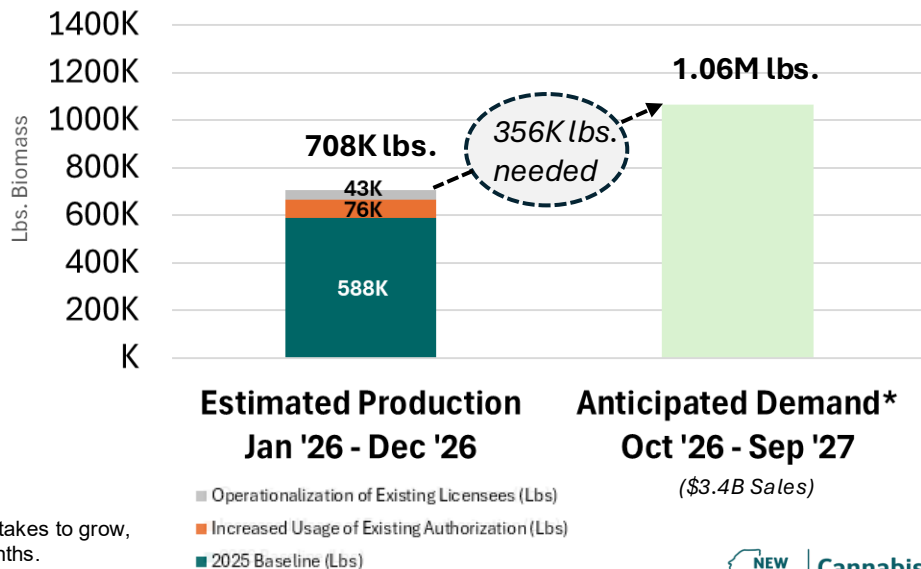
Estimated Lbs. Needed: 356K lbs.



Canopy Lever: Tier Increases

*There is a lag between a growing period the demand it addresses due to the time it takes to grow, harvest, process, and sell product. OCM assumes this lag to be approximately 9 months.

Estimated Production vs. Expected Demand
2026 Cultivation Period



MOST AU CULTIVATORS ARE AT HIGHEST ALLOWABLE TIER; OPENING NEW TIERS PROVIDES MEASURED RUNWAY FOR GROWTH

Outdoor	Mixed Light	Indoor	Combination
Tier 1 <i>0 Licensed Growers</i>	Tier 1 <i>0 Licensed Growers</i>	Tier 1 <i>31 Licensed Growers</i>	Tier 1 <i>2 Licensed Growers</i>
Tier 2 <i>5 Licensed Growers</i>	Tier 2 <i>12 Licensed Growers</i>	Tier 2 <i>41 Licensed Growers</i>	Tier 2 <i>29 Licensed Growers</i>
Tier 3 <i>2 Licensed Growers</i>	Tier 3 <i>18 Licensed Growers*</i>	Tier 3	Tier 3
Tier 4 <i>92 Licensed Growers</i>	Tier 4	Tier 4	Tier 4
Tier 5	Tier 5	Tier 5	Tier 5

- Currently Available
- Proposed Expansion
- Not Yet Available

Note: ROD/ROND and Microbusiness licensees are not included as they are already at their max tier.

* Upon transition to AUC, 18 AUCCs were authorized for up to 25,000 square feet of mixed light cultivation canopy with no more than 20 lights.

RECOMMENDATION: Expand allowable tiers for each grow type. Allow movement into Outdoor Tier 5, Mixed Light Tiers 3 & 4, Combination Tier 3, and Indoor Tier 3 to eligible growers.

OPENING EXPANSION PROCESS FOR SUBSET OF GROWERS AIMS TO ACHIEVE 356K TARGET WHILE MITIGATING OVERSUPPLY RISK

- **Expedited Batch Amendment Process:** Allows eligible growers to move up to next tier. Process enables rapid authorization so that new canopy is in the ground for the 2026 growing cycle.
- **Limited Eligibility:** Open to growers licensed for at least a year and are provably operational. Additionally, growers must be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- **Selection Criteria:** Amendment requests will be reviewed on a first-in-first-out basis. Upon reaching authorization needed to achieve 356K lbs. target, review will be paused until market need dictates additional expansion.

Licensee Count and Estimated Lbs. Added by Grower Maturity
Assuming 100% of Eligible AU Growers Move Up 1 Tier

Licensed for at least...	Licensee Count	Max Potential Added (lbs.)	Est. Output (lbs.) @ 85% Util.
All AU Cultivators	236	702K	597K
1 year	200	571K	485K

~73% of eligible licensees would be needed to meet 356K lbs. target (if all who are eligible participate)

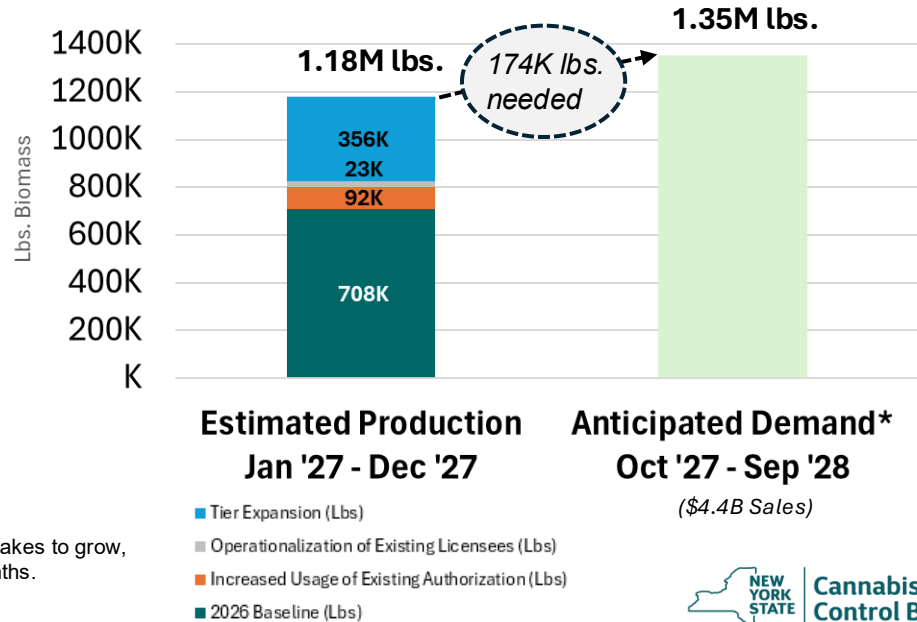
RECOMMENDATION: Open batch amendment process for newly expanded tiers. Limit participation to growers licensed for at least a year and provably operational. Process on a first-in-first out basis until market need is met.

APPROXIMATELY 174K LBS. OF BIOMASS ARE NEEDED FROM NEW LICENSURE FOR LONG TERM SUPPLY PLANNING

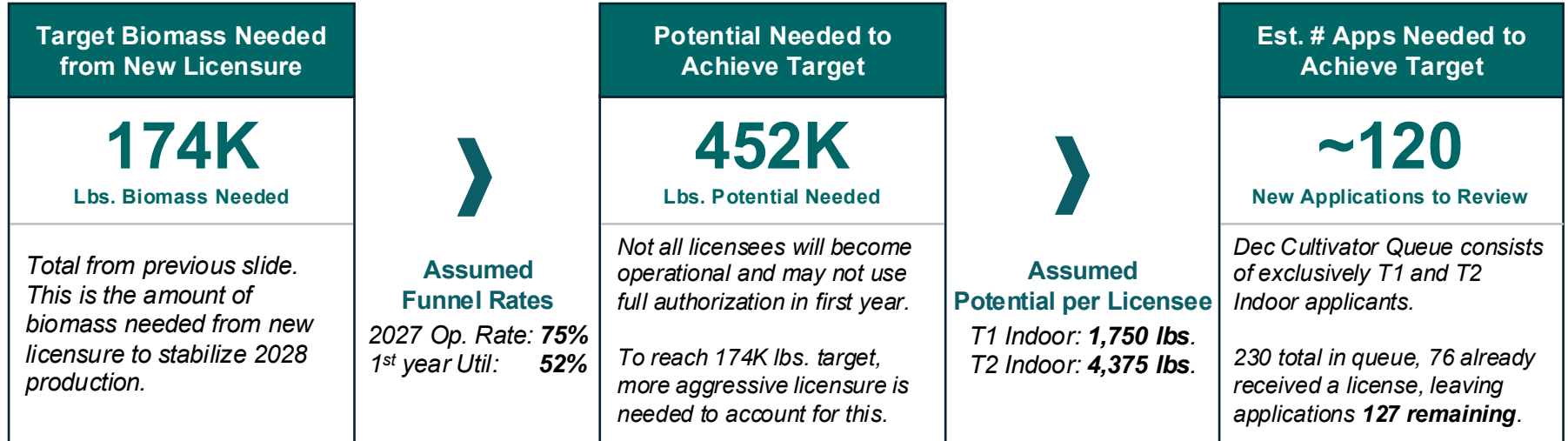
-  **Growing Period:** Jan '27 to Dec '27
-  **Sell-through Period*:** Oct '27 to Sep '28
-  **Estimated Lbs. Needed:** 174K lbs.
-  **Canopy Lever:** New Licensure

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Estimated Production vs. Expected Demand 2027 Cultivation Period



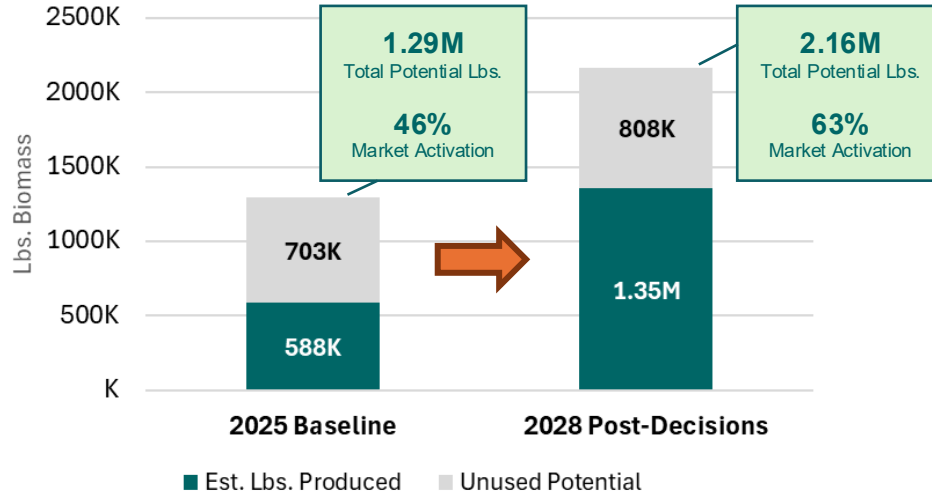
REVIEWING REMAINING DECEMBER CULTIVATOR QUEUE IN 2026 SHOULD ADDRESS ANTICIPATED NEED



RECOMMENDATION: Commit to review of remaining of December Cultivator Queue applicants. Strategy for microbusiness licensure will be addressed as part of Retail Dec. Queue.

POST-RECOMMENDATION RISK PROFILE REMAINS ACCEPTABLE; WILL MONITOR VIA ONGOING SUPPLY REVIEWS

Estimated Production and Unused Potential
Whole Market, 2025 and 2028



- OCM projects that these recommendations will add 850K of production potential to market for a total of 2.16M lbs. by 2028.
- Market activation is projected to grow from 46% in 2025 to 63% by 2028 despite the increased authorization.
- **Even if 100% of potential is activated, we remain well below oversupply levels seen in other states.**
- OCM will also mitigate undersupply risk by conducting periodic reviews where, if needed, we may recommend additional authorization.

RECAP

- OCM conducted a supply review based on available market data.
- Biomass needed to meet the demand of NY's growing market is estimated to significantly exceed current production levels.
- Currently OCM projects a **356K lb. supply gap for the 2026 growing season** and a **174K lb. supply gap for the 2027 growing season.**

TO MEET MARKET NEED, WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ Allowing subset of existing growers to move up one cultivation tier to meet short-term supply gap
 - ✓ Commit to the review of the remainder of December Cultivator Queue applicants to support long-term market growth
- OCM will utilize STS data to monitor market need closely and review supply needs periodically.

CONSIDERATION OF CANOPY EXPANSION AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19

- Pursuant to Section 10(23) of the Cannabis Law, the Board is permitted to delegate authorizations to the Office and through 9 NYCRR 120.3(b)(4), the Board has authorized the Office to receive and approve applications from licensees to expand the maximum cultivation canopy allowed under their license.
- The Office has made an assessment that a supply shortage may emerge due to insufficient cannabis production by Adult Use Cultivator licensees to meet New York State's Adult Use market demand.
- This resolution would have the Board direct the Office to process canopy expansion requests from Adult-Use Cultivator licensees using the factors in 9 NYCRR 120.3(g) as well as additional factors including how long a licensee has been operational, market need for expanded total cultivation canopy in New York State, and the licensee's overall compliance with the Cannabis Law and Regulations and any other applicable state and Federal laws.



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19: CONSIDERATION OF CANOPY EXPANSION AMENDMENTS

OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT REPORT

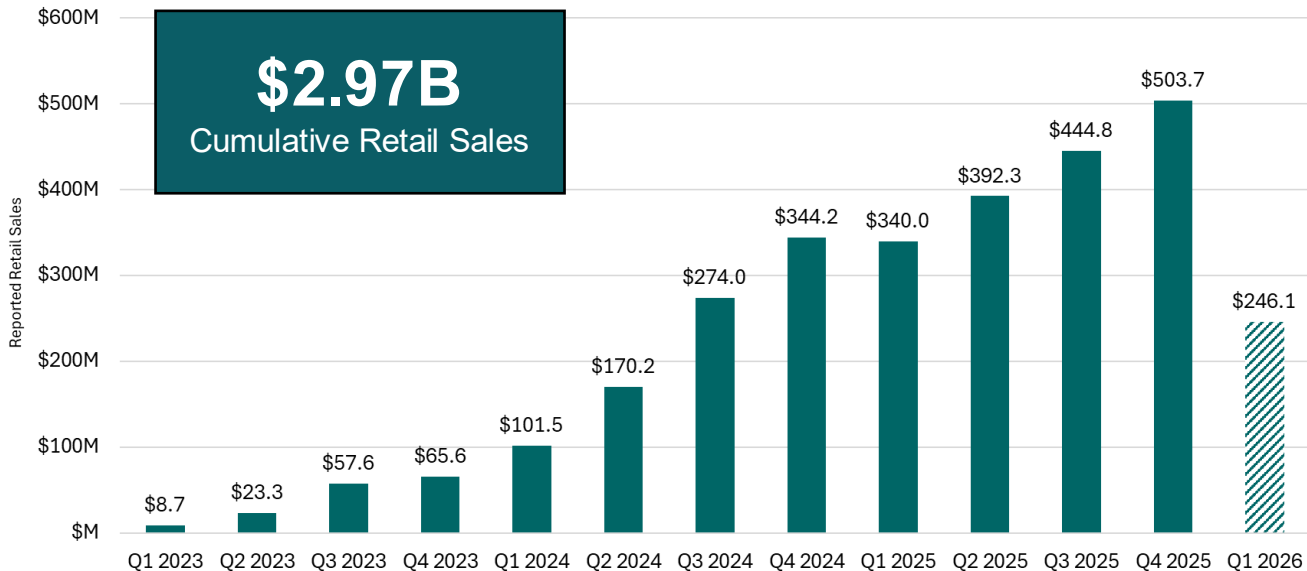
MARKET UPDATE

SOCIAL & ECONOMIC EQUITY UPDATE

MARKET UPDATE

NEW YORK'S ADULT-USE MARKET ENDED 2025 WITH \$1.7B IN REPORTED RETAIL SALES; AT ALMOST \$250M YEAR TO DATE THROUGH 3 WEEKS OF FEBRUARY

New York Cannabis Reported Retail Sales
By Quarter



\$2.97B
Cumulative Retail Sales

\$155.2M
2023 Sales

\$889.9M
2024 Sales

\$1.69B
2025 Sales

\$246.1M
YTD 2026 Sales

SEAL ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE AWARD



SOCIAL & ECONOMIC EQUITY (SEE) UPDATE

SEE STATUS

44% OF ADULT-USE LICENSES ISSUED TODAY ARE SEE OWNED

Minority-Owned
Business

57%

Women-Owned
Business

43%

CDI

14%

SDV

0%

DF

14%

***Please Note:** Licenses may be counted multiple times if they are approved for multiple types of SEE categories

SEE STATS OVERALL

56% OF ALL ADULT-USE LICENSES ISSUED ARE SEE OWNED

Minority-Owned
Business

51%

Women-Owned
Business

57%

CDI

15%

SDV

7%

Distressed
Farmer

7%

***Please Note:** Licenses may be counted multiple times if they are approved for multiple types of SEE categories

SEE ACROSS THE SUPPLY CHAIN



Adult-Use
Cultivators

43%



Adult-Use
Processors

49%



Adult-Use
Distributors

45%



Adult-Use
Microbusiness

59%



Adult-Use
Retail Dispensary

76%

EQUITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT

- SEE team is developing the **Equity Business Development Grant Program (EBDG)**, building on the 2025 pilot CAURD Grant Program
- A third-party grant administrator will be procured by The Office to manage applications, review documentation, provide applicant support, and manage disbursement
 - Procurement for grant administrator anticipated to post Q2 of this year
 - Application portal for licensees anticipated to open Fall of this year
- Eligible recipients tentatively include CAURD licensees who were denied awards last year due to funding exhaustion & Supply-side SEE licensees, including CDI microbusinesses, distressed farmers, and SDVOBs

Program is designed to move toward a sustained grant funding structure that supports equity and capital access across the full supply chain.

CUNY LAW PRO BONO INITIATIVE

- **Purpose:** Provide independent, no cost legal support for cannabis applicants and licensees, with a focus on Social & Economic Equity and CAURD businesses
- **Impact:** Expand equitable access to legal support and improve participation outcomes
 - Improving application readiness and compliance
 - Supporting responsible business formation
- **Delivery Model:** CUNY Law Foundation will administer the program to include
 - 1:1 legal assistance (does not include litigation matters)
 - Application support and technical assistance
 - Virtual workshops and consultations

Independent legal support to strengthen equitable participation in New York's cannabis market

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Online comments will be captured via the meeting minutes. All online comments must be **submitted by 5 p.m. on March 10, 2026**, to be included in the Board meeting minutes. The link is available under the Cannabis Control Board page on cannabis.ny.gov.
- You can also reach the Office with any questions, comments, or concerns at Regulations@ocm.ny.gov.
- Remarks must be limited to **2 minutes or less** to allow all participants an equal amount of time to speak.
- Reminder to adhere to key Code of Conduct principles: **Maintain Decorum, Keep it Timely, Keep it Relevant, and Address the Body.**

NEXT FULL CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD MEETING:

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

BUFFALO, NEW YORK

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cannabis.ny.gov/ccb



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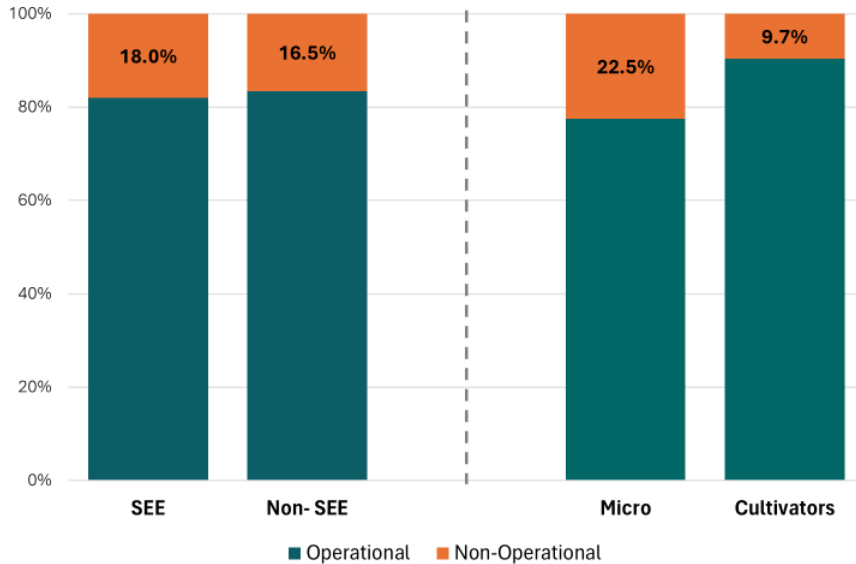
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OPERATIONALIZATION RATES FOR SEE AND MICROS LAG; FINANCIAL & CAPITAL BARRIERS ARE MAIN CONSTRAINT

Operational Rates of AU Cultivating Licenses
By SEE & License Type



Top 3 Barriers to Operationalization for Non-Op Cultivators & Micros:



Financial & Capital Barriers (28.3%)



Local Municipality, Ordinances,
Restrictions, & Permits (15.1%)

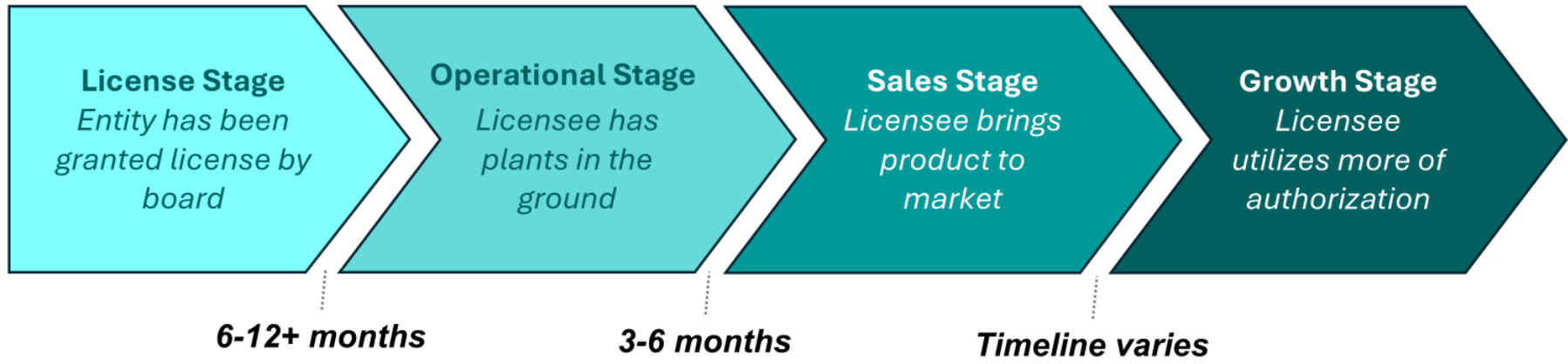


Infrastructure & Technology Build
Out (13.2%)

84.2% Of Cultivators & Micros rated
raising capital as very challenging

ACTIVATING CANOPY BEGINS AT LICENSURE, BUT TAKES TIME TO REACH FULL POTENTIAL

Cultivator Lifecycle Stages



Licensing creates potential, activation takes time. The impact of our decisions is lagged.

CULTIVATOR SUPPLY SURVEY INDICATES MORE CANOPY WILL COME ONLINE FROM EXISTING LICENSEES



40.7% of non-operational survey respondents state they will commence operations by the end of 2025.



36.8% of survey respondents are likely to request tier increase in next 18 months. **2.2%** already requested one.



49% of operational survey respondents intend to expand cultivation capacity, growing market canopy by **~13%**.

Survey responses suggest much of the current potential gap could close through existing licensee ramp-up

IF ADDITIONAL CAPACITY IS NEEDED, THE BOARD HAS TWO PATHS. BOTH COME WITH TRADE-OFFS.

Authorize more canopy via December Queue applicants

Pros:

- *Expands market participation*
- *Creates more geographic and product diversity*
- *Fosters innovation*

Cons:

- *Slower time to market (build out, financing, operational ramp)*
- *Uncertain operationalization/ utilization rates (higher risk of supply mismatch)*



Authorize tier/grow type changes for existing licensees

Pros:

- *Faster ramp (licensees already operational and potentially funded)*
- *Greater certainty of operationalization/ utilization (lower risk of supply mismatch)*
- *Supports stability of existing operators*

Cons:

- *Further concentrates market share among existing licensees*
- *Limits new opportunity (fewer new entrants)*



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THE MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY