

# Marijuana Infused Edibles in Washington State



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## Mission:

“To support the viability and vitality of agriculture while protecting consumers, public health and the environment.”



# Recreational Marijuana



## Overview:

- History in the state
- Regulatory structure
- Recent changes
- Challenges
- Questions



# Recreational Marijuana



- ✓ Washington Initiative I-502
- ✓ November 2012 general ballot
- ✓ Passed 56 to 44% (81% voter turnout)
- ✓ Production and sales of marijuana and related products



# Recreational Marijuana

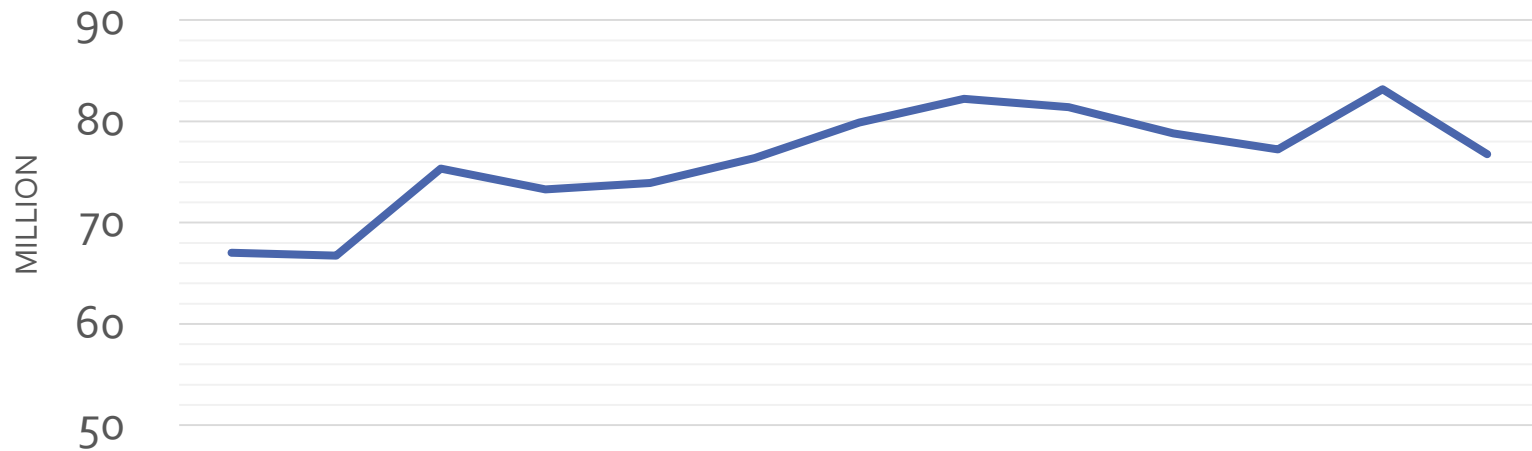


- ✓ Taxes - support healthcare and substance-abuse prevention and education.
- ✓ Under 21 and the growing of unregulated marijuana remains illegal under state law
- ✓ Classified as a schedule I controlled substance under federal law

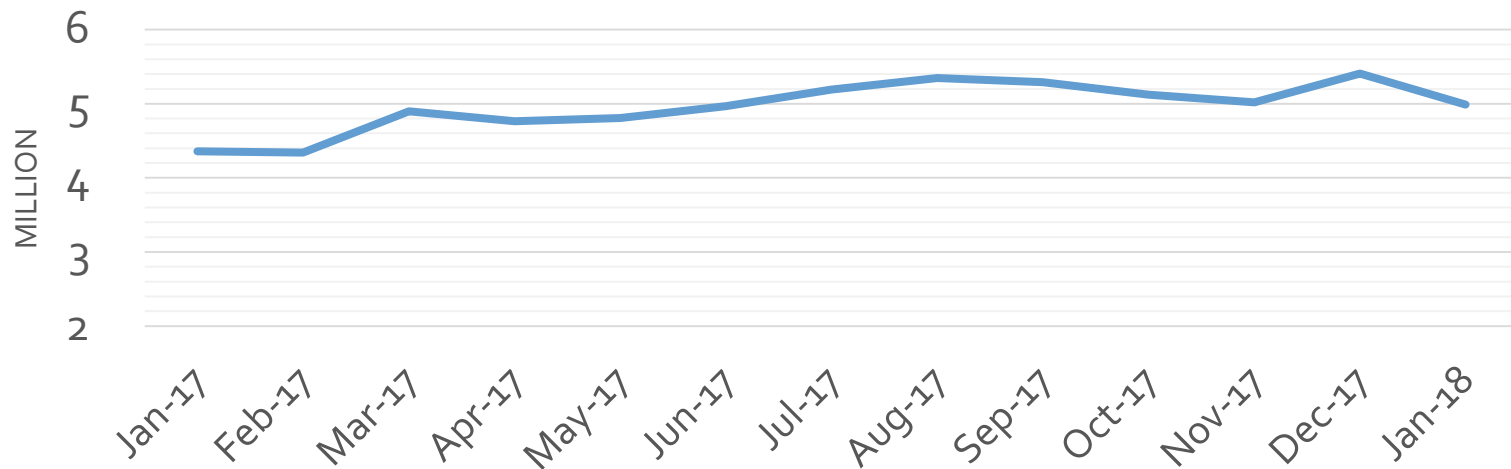
# Sales and Tax – all products



## Retail Value by Month



## State Sales Tax Collection by Month



# Recreational Marijuana



## Oversight by multiple state and local agencies:

- ✓ Local – land use restrictions/air quality concerns/waste management
- ✓ Liquor and Cannabis Board
- ✓ Department of Revenue
- ✓ Department of Agriculture
  - Pesticide Management
  - Food Safety
  - Organic Standards (under development)



# Food Safety Program



- ✓ 2700 Food Processors and Food Storage Warehouses
- ✓ 550 Grade 'A' Dairy Farms/Plants
- ✓ 450+ cottage food, poultry slaughter, egg handler, custom meat .....
- ✓ 125 Marijuana Infused Edible Processors

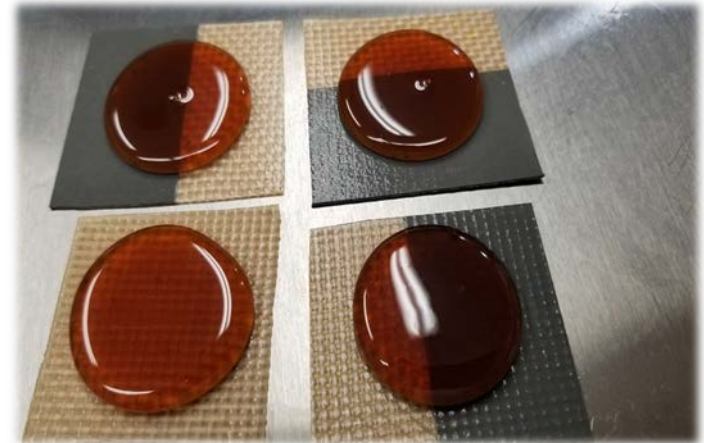


# Marijuana Infused Edibles – MIE's



## Scope of Food Safety Oversight is Limited:

- Cannabis extract is treated as just another ingredient
- GMPs
- Limited to Low Risk Foods
- Focus is labeling of ingredients and allergens



# Allowed MIE Products “low risk”



- Baked Goods-  
Cookies, brownies, etc.  
Fruit Pies/Tarts
- Candy-  
Chocolates  
“Stovetop Treats”  
Hard Candy
- Beverages-  
Shelf stable drinks  
Carbonated
- Infused Honey
- Vinegars and Oils –using  
cannabis extract
- Tinctures
- Tonics
- Tablets & Capsules
- Butter – **MIE ingredient  
only**
- Dry Mixes-  
Teas  
Soup or Beverage  
Seasonings
- Jams/Jelly/Fruit Preserves  
–21 CFR Part 150

# Products Not Allowed



- Temperature control for safety
- Acidified for safety
- LACF or pasteurizing
- Dairy products
- Traditional food products with no cannabis ingredient



# Challenges



- Business Processes – internally in Food Safety and between agencies to ensure service to the industry
- Market pressure to expand to high risk foods





## Thank you!



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