

Hemp Research Underway at Utah State University

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Scientists at Utah State University are studying cultivation practices to optimize the yield and quality of hemp for botanical medicines.

Professor Bruce Bugbee, who specializes in the use of controlled environments to study crop growth and yield, leads the research project. Bugbee obtained permits to grow hemp from the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food and began the studies under LED lights in controlled chambers in February. Rooted hemp cuttings of federally approved low-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC, less than 0.3%) cultivars of *Cannabis sativa* were provided by growers in Colorado and Kentucky. Pineae Greenhouses in Ogden, Utah, has provided growing media and additional support for the research.

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