

## **Cannabis research services now available at Vineland**

Vineland continues to add to its research services portfolio with a newly acquired Cannabis Research Licence under Health Canada's Cannabis Act.

The licence allows Vineland to conduct research, analysis and trials in a number of disciplines including biochemical studies, plant production, genetic diversity and the development of elite cannabis varieties along with integrated pest management solutions to support and advance the industry.



*Flowering cannabis plants*

Vineland's trait development and genomics services spin-off company Platform Genetics Inc. will also play a role in offering services under licence provisions.

"The cannabis licence allows us to expand our services to clients in the horticulture sector, providing licensed producers and technology providers results-based solutions for cannabis production," says Tania Humphrey, PhD, Vineland's Vice President, Research & Development.

Since its legalization in 2018, cannabis has become the most valuable crop in horticulture with an estimated annual market value of \$5.7 billion, according to Statistics Canada.

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