

Baked Goods: Connecticut's Medical-Marijuana Industry

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A marijuana plant at Advanced Grow Labs in West Haven, Conn. Advanced Grow Labs is one of four state-licensed producers in Connecticut's nascent medical-marijuana industry.



The grow cycle begins in the so-called mother room. Here, plants get their start inside a temperature- and humidity-controlled tent



Marijuana plants grow in one of the lab's flower rooms, where rows of marijuana plants are divided by strains of indica, sativa and hybrids.



Chris Mayle, executive vice president of operations for Advanced Grow Labs, inspects some of the marijuana plants.



Marijuana plant strains are grown in the tissue culture lab to create a library of plant strains to be propagated for future use.



Ian Colandro, a production manager at Advanced Grow Labs, in one of the facility's grow rooms. Before entering the production area, production employees wearing pocketless scrubs are blasted with air for about 30 seconds—in an enclosed chamber—to clean them of any outside contaminants that may disturb the plants.



Prescription bottles are filled with marijuana at Advanced Grow Labs. The state legalized the production and distribution of medical marijuana in 2012.



A production worker tests a new product.



Chocolate chip cookies infused with THC packaged for distribution.



Jeff Iassogna, left, and Craig Karner prepare pre-rolls of marijuana for distribution.



Advanced Grow Labs began production in July and had its first harvest in December. The company occupies part of a 62,000-square-foot warehouse in an industrial section of West Haven, Conn., located just off Interstate 95.