

Round One: How should we treat floor space that is not in production?

Themes Harvested from Round One:

- Floor space should not be treated as part of a canopy calculation if it is not part of live plant production.
- Don't measure space where there are not active plants.
- Where are the dividing lines between canopy versus aisles?
- Canopy should be space under growing plant, not the square footage.
- Floor space that is not part of the growing area should be excluded.
- How much space can/should be allowed between plants?
- Licensees should have licensee-defined aisle ways and flexibility for growing differences.
- Aisle ways should not be counted as production space.
- Area not in production should be under surveillance, but not considered canopy.
- Producers should have as much non-production floor space as they would like.
- Producers rent out buildings and warehouses, so they may have extra space.

Round Two: How could we update the Tier system?

Themes Harvested from Round Two:

- Create an alternate Tier system based on production weight.
- Tiers should be based on weight quotas.
- Get rid of the Tier system.
- Increase canopy sizes.
- Define Tiers a different way.
- With Federal Legalization possibly in the future, would interstate commerce make the Tier system moot?
- How do we address discrepancies between indoor and outdoor farms for the same amount of square footage?
- How is there equity between indoor and outdoor production without increasing total production?
- Should the Tier system consider growing techniques and indoor/outdoor output?
- LCB should address licenses that are not in production, never been in production, or not growing/non-producing canopy. Create a new tier – dormant tier or license.

Round Three: How should we measure canopy?

Themes Harvested from Round Three:

- Canopy is the wrong measurement of production.
- Producer believes canopy is the wrong measurement.
- Align with something that is a little more objective than area.
- Possibly look at dry weight yield the measure.
- Production should be measured by plant count.
- Yield needs to be considered.
- Use tree canopy measurement method to determine outdoor canopy.
- Use most up to date floor plan and look for differences.
- Canopy should have an upper maximum, such as 20% over or 10% over, and penalty should be strong for over production
- Timing makes canopy measurement difficult, and harvest times are changing.
- Measure the indoor growing racks and tables.
- Indoor grows should measure different levels as separate canopy.
- Look at plants versus tier size for canopy investigations.
- Go back to first measured by how big your plant/ groups of plants/pots were. Recalculated to include other square footage down the road.
- Measure based on continuous plant area – areas between hoop houses aren't counted, other rooms such as veg or flower room should be counted.
- Survey/measure between window of harvest.
- Canopy changes throughout the year – plant growth varies over the year. Define as the area that the plant takes and the area around the plant to support growth. The grower allocates what is needed to support plants. Flexibility for growers doesn't dictate on how everyone has to grow.
- Canopy could be defined as what a mature crop would be.
- Need to have two measurement standards – indoor and outdoor.
- Indoor growers sometimes use multiple levels and that needs to be counted towards canopy.
- Use a volumetric measure for 3D measurement.