

# Cresco Labs Closes Acquisition of Cultivate, Strengthens Position in Massachusetts

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CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **Cresco Labs** Inc. (CSE:CL) (OTCQX:CRLBF) ("Cresco Labs" or the "Company"), a vertically integrated multistate operator and the number one U.S. wholesaler of branded cannabis products, announced today the closing of the Company's **previously announced** acquisition of Cultivate (the "Transaction").

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Cresco Labs closes acquisition of vertically integrated Cultivate which operates three cannabis dispensaries in Leicester, Worcester, and Framingham (Pictured). (Photo: Business Wire)

## Transaction Highlights

- Approximately 42,000 square feet of active flowering canopy,

bringing combined canopy in-state to approximately 64,000 square feet. The Transaction also includes space available to further expand cultivation capacity.

- Three operational dispensaries located in Leicester, Framingham, and Worcester, bringing combined retail storefronts in-state to four. Concurrent with closing, the Company's Fall River retail location has transitioned to medical sales only.
- Greater operating platform to pursue market share growth in the largest adult use cannabis market in the northeast. The Massachusetts' market structure offers a unique opportunity to wholesalers given limited cultivation licenses, robust pricing, and abundant retail stores throughout the state.

"The closing today constitutes another important step for Cresco Labs as we deepen our presence in large, attractive states like Massachusetts and increasingly tailor and strengthen our state-level strategies to optimize growth and profitability. Expanding operations in the most strategic U.S. cannabis markets is at the heart of our

growth strategy and we're thrilled to have the opportunity to show what can be achieved through a maximized footprint in Massachusetts," said Charlie Bachtell, CEO and Co-Founder of Cresco Labs. "We have been thoroughly impressed with the Cultivate team and the quality of their operations. We look forward to a productive and efficient integration process to carry their historical strong momentum into the fourth quarter and beyond."

## About Cresco Labs Inc.

Cresco Labs is one of the largest vertically integrated multistate cannabis operators in the United States, with a mission to normalize and professionalize the cannabis industry. Employing a consumer-packaged goods ("CPG") approach, Cresco Labs is the largest wholesaler of branded cannabis products in the United States. Its brands are designed to meet the needs of all consumer segments and are comprised of some of the most recognized and trusted national brands, including Cresco, High Supply, Mindy's Edibles, Good News, Remedi, Wonder Wellness Co. and FloraCal Farms. Sunnyside, Cresco Labs' national dispensary brand, is a wellness-focused retailer created to build trust, education and convenience for both existing and new cannabis consumers. Recognizing that the cannabis industry is poised to become one of the leading job creators in the country, Cresco Labs operates the industry's largest Social Equity and Educational Development initiative, SEED, which was established to ensure that all members of society have the skills, knowledge and opportunity to work and own businesses in the cannabis industry. Learn more about Cresco Labs at [www.crescolabs.com](http://www.crescolabs.com).

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