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Agriculture

Agriculture in Illinois

Illinois is home to 72,000 farms covering 27 million acres



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- **#1 in nation in soybeans produced**



- **#2 in the nation in bushels of corn produced**





- **#4 in the nation in swine production**

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Illinois Food Manufacturing

- **There are more than 1,727 food manufacturing companies in Illinois**
- **Illinois' food manufacturing industry employs more than 83,000 people**
- **Illinois is #1 in processed food sales**

IDOA Oversight

- **Ag Products Inspection**
- **Warehouses**
- **Weights and Measures**
- **Animal Health and Welfare**
- **Meat and Poultry Inspection**
- **Medicinal Plants/Cannabis/Hemp**
- **Environmental Programs**

IDOA Oversight

- **Land and Water Resources**
- **Horse Racing**
- **County Fairs**
- **Illinois and Du Quoin State Fairs**

COVID Impacts on Ag

- **Agriculture deemed essential**
- **Processing plant delays/closures**
- **IDOA worked with commodity groups to mitigate the situation**

CARES Act

- **$5 million in business recovery for livestock producers and small meat and poultry plants**
- **749 unique applications received**

Looking Ahead

Working to grow urban agriculture



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Relaunch of our Homegrown by Heroes Campaign

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BUREAU OF MARKETING, PROMOTION, & GRANTS

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Bobby Dowson
Marketing Representative

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Structure & Personnel

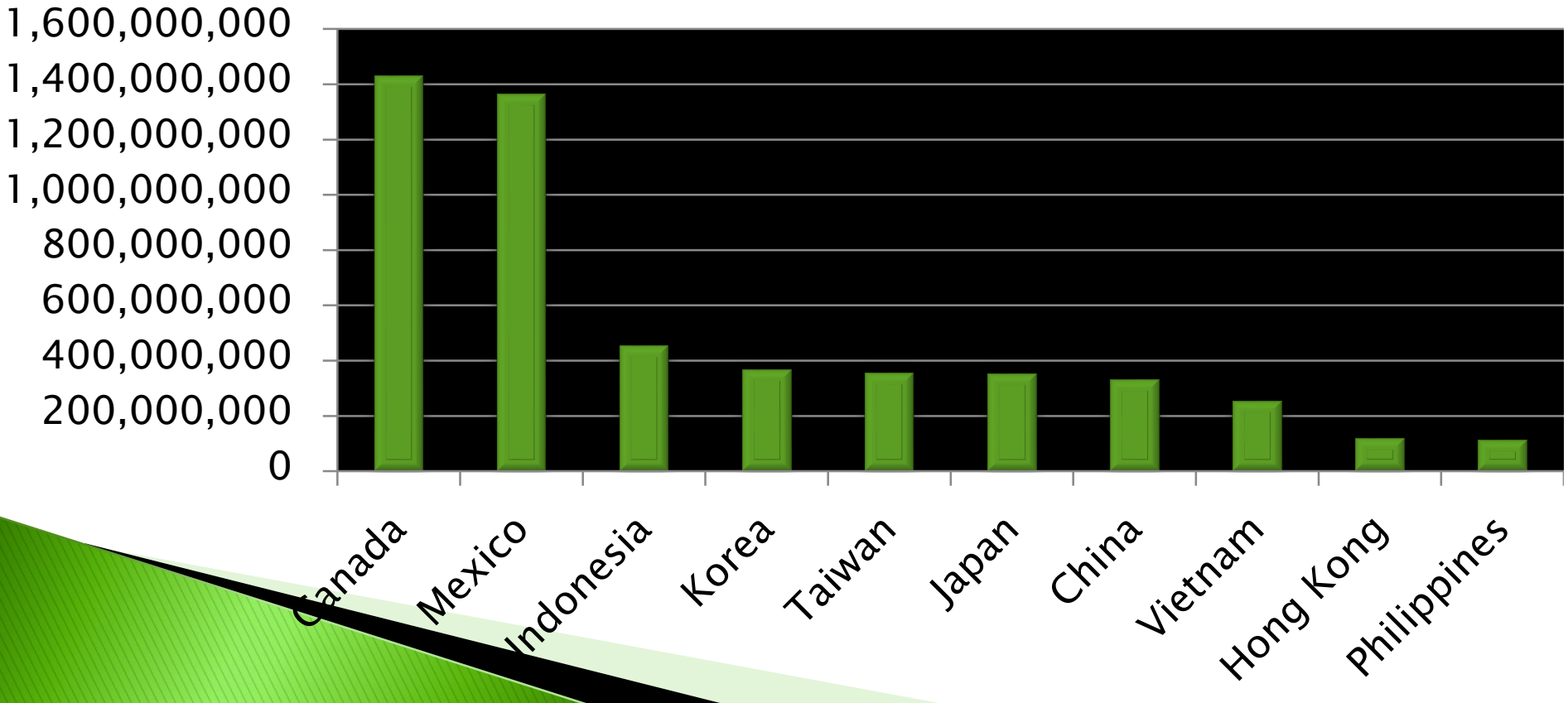
- **Office Headquartered in Springfield**
  - **Staff divided into food and agribusiness sectors**
- **Two Foreign Offices**
  - **Hong Kong (Asia/Middle East)**
  - **Mexico City (all of Latin America)**

Why Export?

- **Illinois is one of the leading agricultural states and has great transportation**
  - **IL ranks 3rd in the nation with annual exports of about $8 billion in agricultural products (2019)**
  - **Corn $947M in 2019…$775M thru ¾ of 2020**
  - **Soy $798M in 2019…$605M thru ¾ of 2020**
  - **Distillers Grains $684M in 2019…$530M thru ¾ of 2020**
  - **Pork $563M in 2019…$406M thru ¾ of 2020**
  - **Beef $296M in 2019…$223M thru ¾ of 2020**
  - **Feed $233M in 2019…$207 thru ¾ of 2020**
  - **Dairy $232M in 2019…$168M thru ¾ of 2020**

Our Top Trading Partners

In 2019, the top 10 trading partners for the Illinois agricultural exports were:



Marketing your product…Make every penny count!

- **Int'l Buyers Missions and Trade Missions** (federal money - USLGE, US Food Export)
  - Zoom/Webex meetings and created new marketing materials…created repeat sales

- **Illinois Industry Tours – Pork, Dairy & Grain Tour**
  - Latin virtual grain tour…150 participants from 7 countries…$7.8 mil in projected sales

- **Illinois Pavilions at International & Domestic Tradeshows**
  - Figap Mexico October virtual trade show…in-person show scheduled for May 2021
  - IL Products Expo…last in-person show before Covid (Chicago companies participated)

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Bureau of Marketing, Promotions & Grants

Programs & Services for IL Food/Agribusiness Co's

- **Food and Agribusiness Guides**
- **Marketing Information System Database**
- **Administer USDA Grant Programs**
  - **Specialty Crops - $1.5 mil (fund 10-15 projects/yr.)**
- **Farmers' Markets (essential, May-Oct. $88,000 sales)**
- **Centennial Farms (continuous family ownership)**

Centennial – 10,000+

Sesquicentennial – 1,100+

Bicentennial – 7 (2 before IL was a state of the Union)

For more programs go to: www2.illinois.gov



Division of Cannabis Regulation

Programs Administered

- **Industrial Hemp**
- **Medical Cannabis**
- **Adult Use Cannabis**

INDUSTRIAL HEMP ACT

- **Licensing**
  - **Hemp Growers**
  - **Hemp Processors**
- **Hemp Verification Testing (Hemp Growers)**

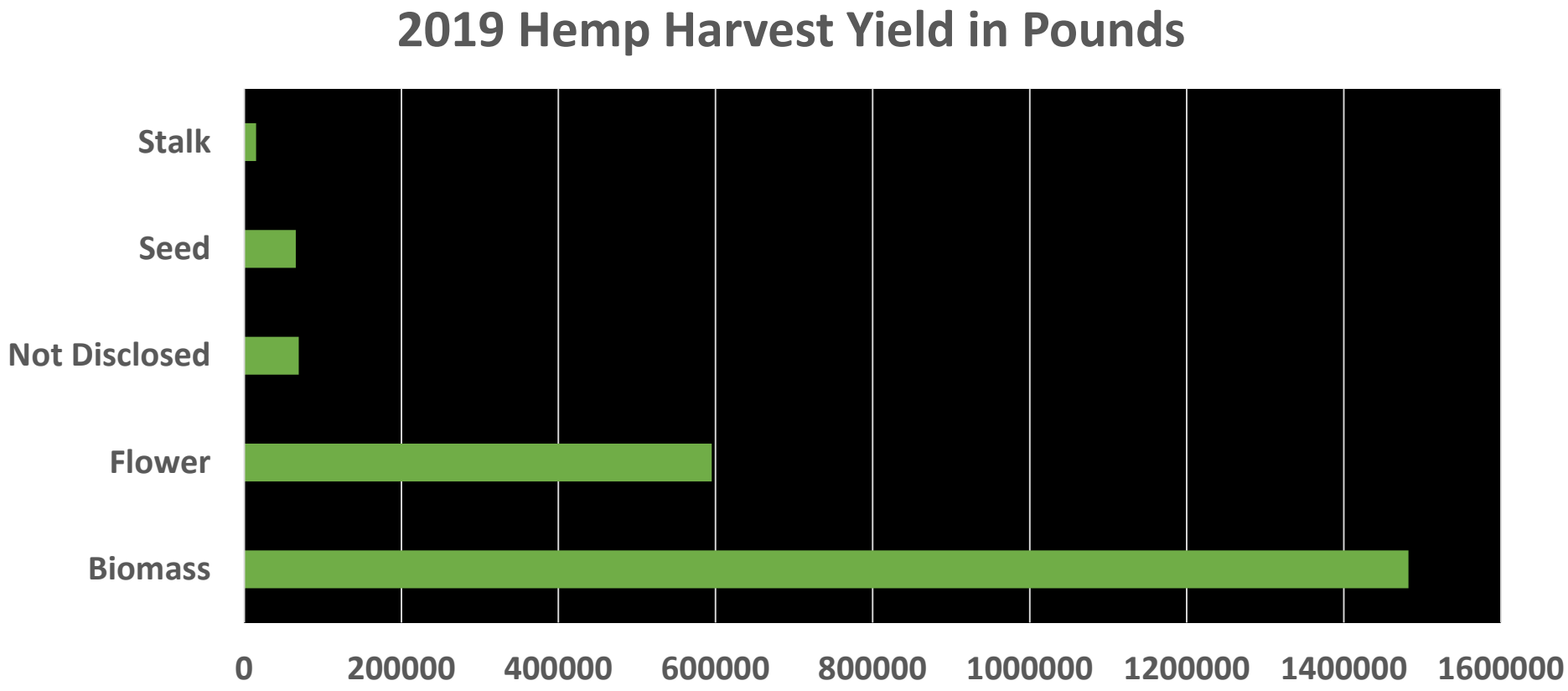
* The IDOA does not regulate hemp final products produced by licensed hemp processors.

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2019 Hemp Harvest Data

- Planted: **7,141.03** Acres
- Harvested: **5,233.20** Acres
- Percent Harvested: **73%**

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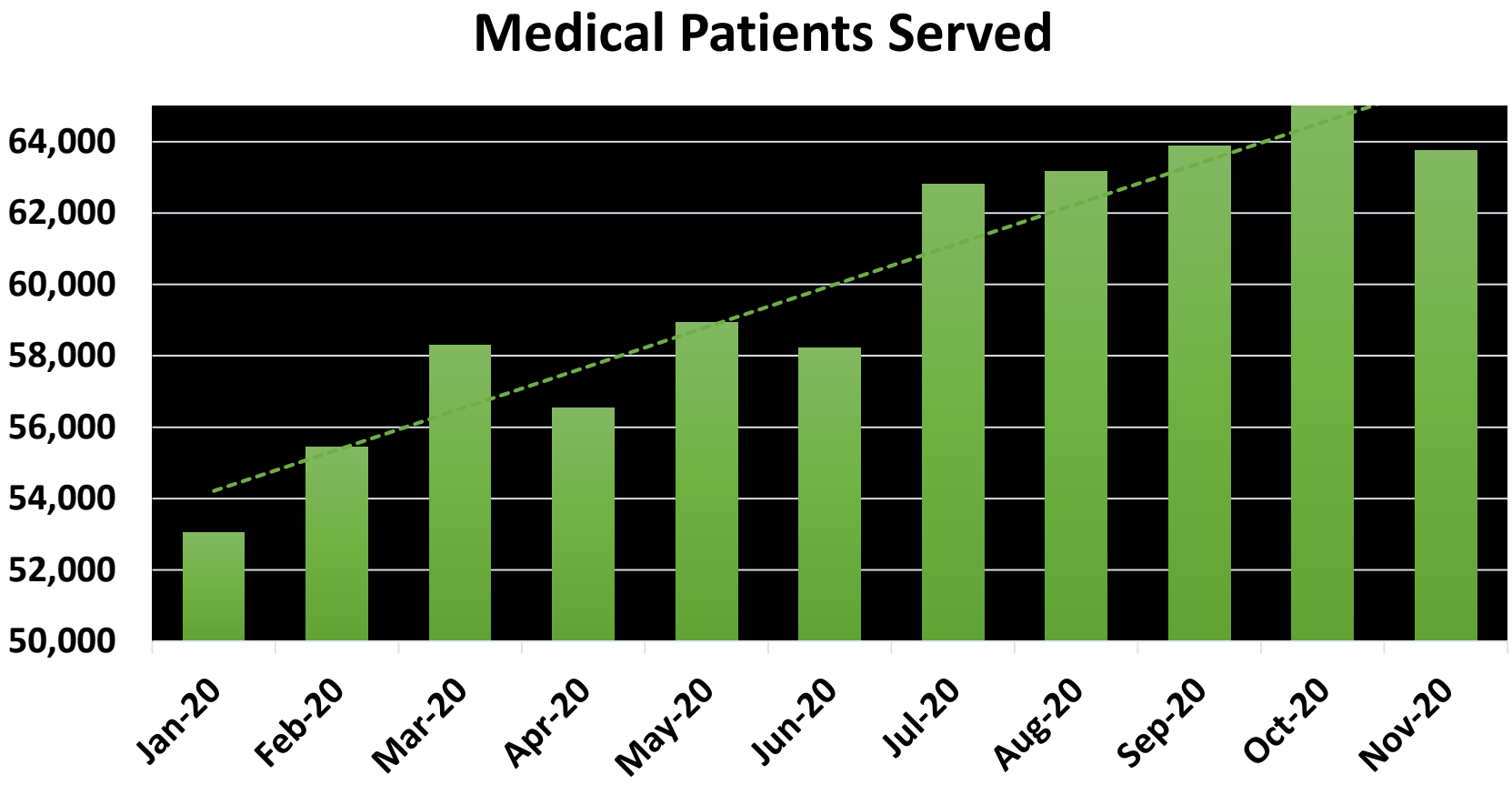
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2020 Hemp Licenses

Hemp Growers – 800

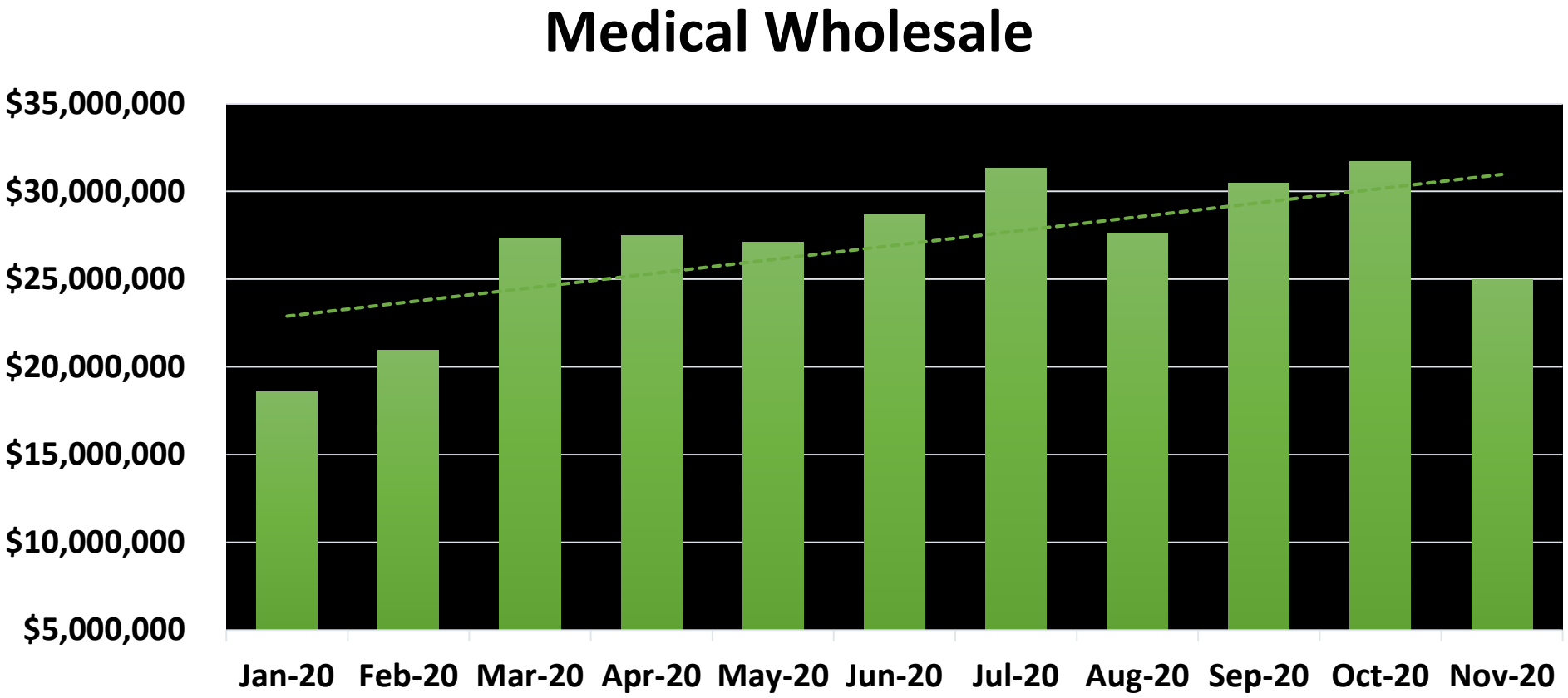
Hemp Processors - 364

COMPASSIONATE USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM



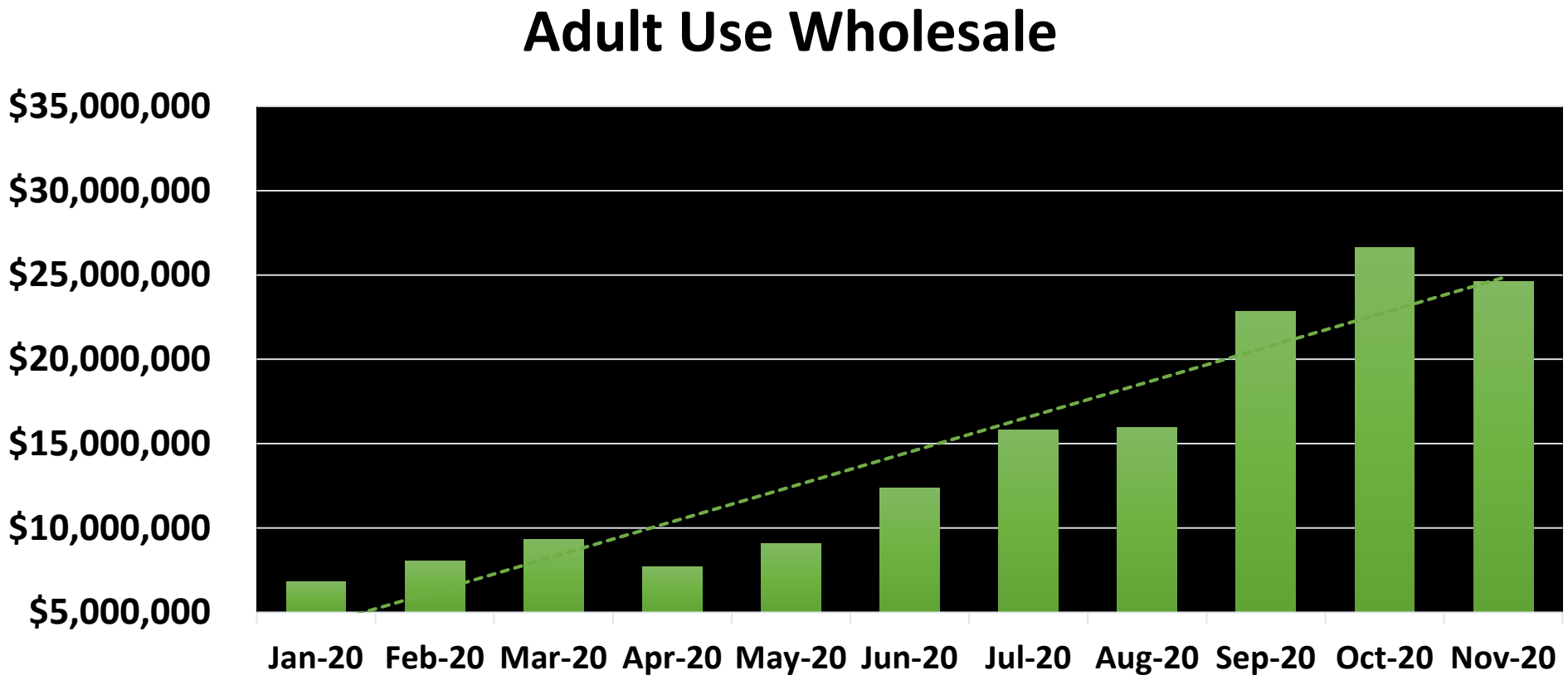
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COMPASSIONATE USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM



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CANNABIS REGULATION AND TAX ACT



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Questions

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