

United States Drug Enforcement Administration
Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program

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FLORIDA'S OUTDOOR DOMESTIC MARIJUANA
ERADICATION PROGRAM



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INTRODUCTION

The United States Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program (DCE/SP), commonly referred to and recognized as Florida's Domestic Marijuana Eradication Program (DME), is a two-part program divided into Outdoor and Indoor (Investigations) Grow Operations. The Outdoor Grow Operation is overseen, administered and reported on by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Office of Agriculture Law Enforcement (OALE). The Indoor Grow Operation is overseen, administered and reported on by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The DME Outdoor Grow Operation is a voluntary program offered to local agencies through OALE. Each year, DEA allocates funds to OALE which are then dispersed to local agencies for training and reimbursement for outdoor grow investigations. For 2006, the OALE received an initial grant of \$80,000 for the program, followed by a supplemental disbursement of \$20,000 in November. This 2006 Annual Report reflects information provided by 47 sheriff offices and 6 municipal law enforcement agencies from 49 counties who participated in Florida's Outdoor Grow Operations during the 2006 calendar year. Requests for reimbursements for eradication expenses were received from 25 local agencies totaling \$106,660 and disbursements to those agencies totaled \$65,593.

In addition to its role as the Administrator of Florida's DME Outdoor Grow Operations, OALE along with DEA, FDLE and the Florida National Guard (FNG) offered seven orientation meetings to Florida law enforcement officers involved in the eradication of domestically grown marijuana. These orientations were held in Tallahassee, Bonifay, Jacksonville, Miami, Ft. Myers, Tampa and Orlando in April 2006.

Utilizing the federal funds which support Florida's DME Program, OALE offered an in-depth, 32 hour Outdoor Investigations/Spotter School to local and state law enforcement agencies. As a result, 25 local and state law enforcement officers received valuable training at no cost to their agency. OALE expended \$31,562 in training related expenses during 2006.

2006 OUTDOOR GROW ACTIVITIES

While seizures of marijuana from Outdoor Grow Operations in 2006 were less than those reported in 2005, outdoor cultivation continues to be problematic in the state.

Outdoor Grow cultivators continue to develop schemes to avoid detection by law enforcement. Local law enforcement agencies in 49 of Florida's 67 counties reported the detection and eradication of 308 Outdoor Grow sites which resulted in the eradication of 10,354 marijuana plants. In addition, local law enforcement reported the arrest and prosecution of 147 cultivators, the seizure of 41 firearms, and asset seizures totaling \$380,310. Walton County led the state in marijuana plants eradicated with 2,417 reported and Washington County ranked second with 2,159 plants reported.

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2006 OUTDOOR STATISTICS BY COUNTY

COUNTY*	GROW SITES	PLANTS ERADICATED	ARRESTS	FIREARMS SEIZED
ALACHUA	2	40	0	0
BAKER	7	81	1	0
BAY	1	35	2	0
BRADFORD	1	6	1	0
BREVARD	2	206	4	0
BROWARD	2	79	0	0
CALHOUN**	0	0	0	0
CHARLOTTE**	0	0	0	0
CITRUS	3	23	3	1
CLAY	2	97	2	0
COLLIER	2	91	0	0
COLUMBIA	2	193	2	5
DESOTO**	0	0	0	0
DIXIE	4	65	1	0
DUVAL	29	84	16	11
ESCAMBIA	5	21	0	0
FLAGLER	3	10	0	0
FRANKLIN	2	97	1	0
GADSDEN**	0	0	0	0
GILCHRIST**	0	0	0	0
GLADES**	0	0	0	0
GULF	6	228	0	0
HAMILTON**	0	0	0	0
HARDEE**	0	0	0	0
HERNANDO	7	25	4	3
HIGHLANDS	1	1	0	0
HILLSBOROUGH	3	269	2	2
HOLMES	6	158	1	2
INDIAN RIVER	1	37	1	0
JACKSON	30	22	3	0
JEFFERSON**	0	0	0	0
LAFAYETTE**	0	0	0	0
LAKE	9	217	6	0
LEE	4	294	4	0
LEON**	0	0	0	0

COUNTY*	GROW SITES	PLANTS ERADICATED	ARRESTS	FIREARMS SEIZED
LEVY	14	281	6	0
LIBERTY**	0	0	0	0
MADISON**	0	0	0	0
MANATEE	3	84	1	0
MARION	8	88	4	5
MARTIN	2	10	1	0
MIAMI-DADE**	0	0	0	0
MONROE**	0	0	0	0
NASSAU	17	349	9	1
OKALOOSA	4	71	1	0
OKEECHOBEE	5	35	5	0
ORANGE	1	3	2	0
OSCEOLA**	0	0	0	0
PALM BEACH	2	31	1	0
PASCO	6	10	6	2
PINELLAS	7	24	5	0
POLK	5	119	1	0
PUTNAM	16	751	10	0
ST. JOHNS	8	132	5	0
ST. LUCIE**	0	0	0	0
SANTA ROSA	14	515	6	0
SARASOTA	3	86	1	0
SEMINOLE	5	90	2	0
SUMTER	2	30	0	0
SUWANNEE	6	282	7	0
TAYLOR	5	179	0	0
UNION	3	50	2	0
VOLUSIA	5	33	2	0
WAKULLA	11	146	3	0
WALTON	24	2417	11	9
WASHINGTON	14	2159	2	0
TOTAL	308	10,354	147	41

* County totals may reflect statistics reported from more than one agency in that county.

** Did not participate in Florida's DME Outdoor Grow Program in 2006.

2006 REIMBURSEMENT STATISTICS

AGENCY	COUNTY	REIMBURSEMENTS REQUESTED	REIMBURSEMENTS APPROVED
BAKER CSO	BAKER	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
FWCC	BAY	\$756.00	\$506.00
BROWARD CSO	BROWARD	\$750.00	\$750.00
CLAY CSO	CLAY	\$750.00	\$750.00
COLLIER CSO	COLLIER	\$200.00	\$200.00
JACKSONVILLE SO	DUVAL	\$500.00	\$500.00
ESCAMBIA CSO	ESCAMBIA	\$6,230.00	\$4,550.00
HOLMES CSO	HOLMES	\$3,948.28	\$2,807.12
INDIAN RIVER CSO	INDIAN RIVER	\$250.00	\$250.00
JACKSON CSO	JACKSON	\$31,605.00	\$1,750.00
LAKE CSO	LAKE	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
LEE CSO	LEE	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
SANIBEL PD	LEE	\$500.00	\$500.00
FDLE*	LEVY	\$4,410.00	\$4,410.00
NASSAU CSO	NASSAU	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
OKALOOSA CSO	OKALOOSA	\$398.95	\$398.95
OKEECHOBEE CSO	OKEECHOBEE	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
PALM BEACH CSO	PALM BEACH	\$265.22	\$265.22
PINELLAS CSO	PINELLAS	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
FDLE**	PUTNAM	\$875.00	\$875.00
SARASOTA PD	SARASOTA	\$250.00	\$250.00
SUWANNEE CSO	SUWANNEE	\$5,180.55	\$2,355.87
FDLE***	TAYLOR	\$18,699.94	\$17,910.10
WAKULLA CSO	WAKULLA	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
WALTON CSO	WALTON*	\$18,042.00	\$13,515.00
TOTALS:		\$106,660.94	\$65,593.26

- * Multi-agency mission in Levy and Dixie Counties. Helicopter expenses paid to FDLE.
- ** Multi-agency mission in Putnam, St. Johns and Flagler Counties. Expenses paid to pilots.
- *** Multi-agency mission in Taylor, Levy and Dixie Counties. Helicopter expenses paid to FDLE.