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The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) takes the concerns raised in the Auditor's report and the Department's responsibility to address these concerns seriously. With regard to the awarding of cannabis cultivator licenses, in December of this year, the Department will be considering whether or not the license of each current cannabis cultivator shall be renewed. Pursuant to Utah Code Section 4-41a-203, the Department will hold a public meeting to consider the operations of each licensee and will not renew any license unless the requirements of Utah law and Department rules are being strictly followed. Additionally, the Department has asked a third party to review processes for potential irregularities.

The Department appreciates the time and effort by the Auditor's Office in bringing the irregularities and issues to its attention so that UDAF can continue to take appropriate steps to address the concerns raised in the audit report. The Department is committed to moving forward expeditiously to improve internal policies and procedures in carrying out its mission to support agriculture, food safety, and to support producers throughout the state.

Sincerely,

R. Logan Wilde

Logan Wilde,
Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food