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Introduction to Cannabis Flowering Stage
During phase of life known as the vegetative stage (first stage of life for marijuana), a cannabis plant grows about you would expect... Like an a! In the vegetative stage a cannabis plant grows only new stems and leaves, and can grow a few centimeters a day, with the added ability to recover from almost nothing! Even if you run into major problems in the vegetative stage, you can bring the plant back to the brink of death simply by addressing the problem and giving your plant some TLC. In the vegetative stage, the cannabis plant grows only stems and leaves and is resistant to problems. Grow like an aat! However, things are not so rosy in the cannabis flowering stage. In the flowering stage the cannabis plant grows very differently, and is much more sensitive to problems. The tricky thing about the flowering stage is that you don't have much room for error and big mistakes can reduce yields. In order to maximize your yields, it is important to know what to focus on during each part of the flowering stage. It's also very useful to know what to expect, so you know when something goes wrong! Flowering cycle dance
This flowering step walk through will explain exactly what to expect weekby while your plant is making buds, and will tell you what you need to do to make sure you get to harvest with the best quality bud and possible yields!
Week 1-3: Switching to flowering
When growing cannabis indoors, the flowering stage begins when you change the lights grow to a 12/12 light cycle (12 light hours, 12 dark hours each day). Getting the 12 hours of uninterrupted darkness every day gives the plant the signal that it's time to start flowering. In a kind of plants think winter comes because the days become short. Note: It is common to think that a cannabis plant getting 12 or less hours of light is what initiates flowering, but it's actually uninterrupted darkness that does the trick! If the plant gets any light during the dark period, even for just a minute, it won't make buds!
In fact, a flowering plant can even come back or express hermaphroditism if it gets any light at night! Outdoors, it is also getting shorter days, causing a cannabis plant to start making shoots in late summer, but outdoor shoots develop on different programs, depending on the local climate. This tutorial is meant to explain how that a cannabis plant usually develops when grown indoors, as it is done under controlled conditions, and plants tend to grow in the same way. For the purposes of this tutorial, the flowering stage begins on the day you switch to 12/12
Cannabis strains automatically do not need special light to start flowering, however the cannabis flowering timeline in this tutorial is a good general guide to indoor self-flowering stems as well. Their vegetative stage lasts about 3-4 weeks, so as long as you start counting to week 3-4 of the seeds (when they start getting their first pistils) this flowering timeline will generally apply to autos too, although sometimes they finish faster. During the first few weeks after being switched to a 12/12 program, your plant will be growing as crazy and quickly gaining height. In fact, a cannabis plant can (and frequently will) almost double in height after switching to 12/12. This period of super-fast and often stretchy growth is sometimes referred to as stretch flowering. Example of flowering stretch - what to expect
Pre-Stretch - just before 12/12
Post-Stretch - 4 weeks after 12/12
Although the female plants will start sprouting a lot of white pistils, they usually won't start growing real buds with substance quite yet. If you are new to growing cannabis, it is very important to note that only female cannabis plants make buds. Did you know you can tell if a plant is male or female while it's still in the vegetative stage? If your plant is male, it will start growing distinct pollen bags and should be removed from the growing room immediately to prevent pollination of female plants and cause sedy buds. Find out where to get feminized (all-female) seeds online, so you don't have to worry about male plants. Remove any plants growing pollen bags instead of pestles because they are male and will not make buds. In addition, they can pollinate female plants and cause them to grow seeds! What if my plant is growing both pestils and pollen bags? Female plants should be growing pestils whenever a fan leaf meets a main strain. They look like white wispy hairs developing from the joints
In the first few weeks of the flowering stage, you will see bouquets of unique leaves forming at the main colas tips (as in this pic). Soon white pistils will begin to emerge from the middle of the bouquets, and they will become the main buds!
During week 1-3 of the flowering stage, your plant will be mostly producing new stems and leaves as it grows taller. Right now your plant is still very resistant and can handle problems just like in the vegetative stage. However, it is still very important to avoid problems and take great care of the plants!
As part of the stretch, your plant will be growing in its bud sites. Stunting growth at this point could cause plants to make it smaller fewer bud sites than they would be if they were healthy and growing fast. If you have more space in your space to grow under the light to spread the plants out, or if you are running out of headroom, it is important to gently bend the stems down and away from the center of the plant to help maintain a flat canopy (a technique known as low stress training). During stretching, gently bend the new stems down to try to maintain a flat even
Keep up with it during stretching, you can prevent any one strain from getting much taller than the others
When the stems are new, they are flexible and easy to bend, but they harden quickly and turn woody. By keeping a close eye on your plant and bending any branches too-high down and away from the center of the plant, as soon as possible, you will maximize yields because this flat shape will use the most efficient lights grow. If all the main bud sites are spread and about the same height, you can increase yields by up to 40% or more!
Spreading bud sites and maintaining a flat canopy can increase cannabis production by as much as 40%... or even more!
At this point, you only have a few weeks left until you lose your ability to do any further training, so don't miss this last opportunity to control the shape of your plant, especially if you're in the room!
Week 3-4: Budlets Form
The crazy stretching of the first few weeks will begin to slow down in week 3-4, but the cannabis plant will still be growing upwards. At this point you'll actually start to see real buds instead of just hairs (I like to call them budlets at this stage) and all the pistils will be white and sticking almost directly out. Budlets start training where the buds will be, with white pestils sticking directly out
Your plant will start getting a little picky about the environment and nutrients in week 3-4, so it's important to keep an eye close on your garden. You need to make sure that the plant stays healthy all the way to the end of the flowering phase, and you've still got more than a month to go, so you don't want your plant to run into any major health issues now!
Be particularly aware of leaf symptoms, for example: discolored leaves/ yellow, or if the plant starts quickly losing leaves. It is completely normal to lose a few leaves at this stage, especially the leaves that are not getting light (which often look like they may have a nutrient deficiency and then fall, but it is just the plant cannibalizing the leaves because it is not getting any more light). That being said, in general the whole plant should still be lush and green in week 3-4 while your budlets are forming. As the plant continues through the flowering stage, it is normal to see a few yellow or discolored leaves near the bottom of the plant, especially in places where the leaves are no longer getting light. This is nothing to worry about if it is just a few leaves as the plant is putting its energy at the top of the plant and buds. But it is not normal for your plant to be yellowing or losing leaves quickly as this
Diagnose diseased plants as soon as possible!
Another thing you need to be aware of burning nutrients. This is what happens when you give plants too high levels of nutrients – tips all the leaves actually get burned. While a little nutrient burn will not affect your plant, it is important to try to avoid it if you can. Your plant can't recover lost leaf parts
Nutrient burns, so if you accidentally give too many nutrients in the future, burning will start climbing up the fingers of the leaves. Cannabis leaves tend to look much less appealing/pretty as more of each leaf gets burned. However, even cannabis plants burning severe nutrients can produce good bud, so don't give up if you run into the thi problem!
Try your best to avoid burning nutrients (burned leaf tips caused by too high levels of nutrients) because it can only get worse as the flowering stage continues
When the nutrient burn starts getting bad, it can actually start discoloring the sugar leaves (small leaves with a single finger developing from the buds). If the nutrient burns reaches the base of the sugar leaves, you will not be able to cut it at harvest, so the buds will arrive with yellow/brown spots where all the leaves have been burned. Nutrient deficiencies can also cause the same problem if left uncontrolled. This doesn't necessarily affect potency, but the buds don't look as good as they might have. So to increase the bud you are proud of, you will want to be aware of avoiding burning nutrients from the beginning. Since your plant isn't really growing more leaves, you need to really take care of the ones you left. If they haven't already, your plants can start to smell!
Some strains like Blue Mystic and Northern Light are known to have relatively low smells, but many strains can start getting prickly fast!
Learn more about odor control in the growing room. Week 4-6: The buds start fattening
Your mugs are fattening and soon you will have buds with substance!
They will still have almost all white pistils sticking straight up in each direction, but the buds themselves will be getting fatter every day. For weeks 4-6, the stretch is close to over and you no longer need to pay attention to the formation of your plant. Instead of trying to keep the cola down, from now on do the opposite – trying to hold any buds up if they start getting too heavy for your plant!
If you have problems mounting the plant in your space at a safe distance from your light, the training options can start to look very gloomy. If your plant grew in light, you will have to consider solutions of last resort, would be supercropping (a high stress training technique by forcing the stems to bend at an angle of 90 °) that you normally should not do so late in the flowering stage. Since you don't get more new leaves, you need to think of the remaining leaves as armor - insurance against any problems of nutrients or leaves. Although you do not want an excessively leafy plant, and Strategic (for advanced growers) can be helpful to expose bud sites, it is important to make sure that you let your plant keep enough leaf coverage to feed the growth of buds. You might need a little extra help if anything happens!
Although defoliation can be used to expose shoot sites, make sure that your plant still has enough leaves (armor) to last until the end of the flowering stage to feed the growth of buds, and as possible problems with nutrients or leaves. Although most of the pestils will probably still be mostly white by the end of week 6, the buds become bigger and denser every day!
Week 6-8: The buds ripen, Pistils Darken
From now on your plant will not be making any new leaves or stems. It has completely changed gears from vegetative growth and all its energy will be focused on growing buds from now until harvest. It is normal for some of the bottom leaves to begin to turn yellow as the plant continues to put its energy into the leaves and buds getting the most direct light, although the plant should still be mostly green from top to bottom, even in the week 6-8.
At this point, the plant can start getting much more picky and sensitive

to nutrient problems, including those caused by incorrect pH at the roots. Now is not the time to relax on caring for your plants! If the leaves are already turning yellow in week 6-8 it's too early! Early yellowing of the leaves is likely caused by either a nutrient problem or mild burning (which are so much more common in the marijuana flowering stage). React quickly to problems so you don't affect your yields! Quickly diagnose diseased plants and don't ignore the problems! Another common problem to watch out for at this stage: if you see a whole new bud or spire coming out of an old bud that is already developed, it's usually a sign of heat or light damage. Foxtailing like this is caused by too much heat or light – it's not normal bud growth! If you see this means that you need to control the temperature and light levels to prevent further damage! Learn more about marijuana foxtails caused by heat or light stress

From now until harvesting it is very important to avoid too high levels of light or heat because (in addition to foxtailing) this can discolor/bleach/burn buds and can even evaporate away some of the THC/potency. If things go well, your buds should really be hitting their step at the moment. They will increase in size significantly over the next few weeks! Week 8 +: Flowering Ends, Final Flush, Harvest-Home Stretch! You're so close! To make sure things go smoothly until harvest, treat the plant like a movie star and participate in every need for them! Very few strains of cannabis are ready to be harvested before week 8, but now we are at the point where some short strains are getting close to being harvest-ready! Many growers make a final color, which involves providing only plain water for your plants (for a few days to a few weeks) before harvesting. Once reached week 8, the buds are fattening quickly. Trichomes and pistils are maturing, although new pistils may continue to develop on buds as they grow. You're basically just keeping your plant until harvest. Different strains are ready at different times, but from now on you're going to treat them pretty much all the same. Keep an eye close on buds, pestles and trichomes as a whole to help you figure out the best time to harvest to get the effects you're looking for it's probably the best time to take Bud Pics! Quick tip: Want to take better bud pics? Try taking a picture of the bud in the dark with the camera flash on. Learn more tips for taking great bud photos! Just around 8-10 weeks is when you get to see the buds in their full glory. It's also when the smell of cannabis often starts to get overwhelming! Your plants are probably nifty everything around them! At this point it is completely normal for the leaves of the plant to start yellowing, sometimes quickly. As long as yellowing doesn't affect your buds and you're very close to the harvest, then it's completely normal. You probably can't prevent this kind of yellowing, no matter what you do with nutrients, because this is just what a cannabis plant naturally doesn't like is wrapping up the flowering stage. After week 8 it's normal to see leaves turning yellow, in fact, there's not much you can do to prevent it. As long as it is close to harvesting and yellowing does not affect the real buds is ok! Increasing the level of nutrients at this stage is not recommended because it will not stop yellowing and can possibly prevent the buds from fattening up as much as they could have (cannabis wants relatively low levels of nitrogen in the flowering stage for proper bud growth). If the buds start getting too heavy and fall over, special tools known as yo-yos plants (pictured right) can be hung from the ceiling and will hook around their buds to gently hold them up without damaging them. Many growers choose to give their plants a color 2 weeks before harvesting to help make sure the plant has used any additional nutrients that can affect the taste or smell of buds. These buds are ready to start reddening the face - white pistils have almost all dark and wavy in (find out exactly when to harvest, so the buds produce the right effects) Sometimes you will need to harvest the plant early because of life situations, or because the plant is unhealthy and the buds begin to look burnt or discolored. If the buds look completely done, and you will see symptoms of worsening leaves, it is often better to harvest a little earlier to ensure the best possible quality, given the situation. You may want to harvest marijuana buds early if they are starting to get damaged by nutrients or other problems. Sometimes it is better to cut losses than to keep your buds continuing to get beaten! If you harvest the plants too early you can improve many unwanted effects by healing them. For example, these buds should probably be harvested before the buds get any additional damage. Early harvest buds in as they are getting damaged! Harvest day is the best day! (Well, until the day you try buds for the first time! Learn to dry & cure cannabis plants! Go to Diagnose your sick plant! Tips for Growing Top-Raft BudsHow long does it take to grow 2012? Quick Start Guide: Grow Cannabis in 10 StepsCheck These 7 Things & Cure 99% of Marijuana Growth Problems

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