

Chapter -12

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PRODUCTION REGULATION:

According to Section 8(2) (a) of the Tobacco Board Act, one of the important functions of the Tobacco Board is regulation of Production and curing of FCV tobacco having regard to the demand for tobacco in India and abroad. To achieve this objective, every year Board lays down production Policy and fixes crop size for different soil regions in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka taking into consideration various factors specified in clause (a) of sub section (2) of section 8 of Tobacco Board Act, 1975 like the demand for flue cured virginia tobacco in India and abroad and the marketability of different tobaccos etc. For projecting the demand, Tobacco Board ascertains the requirements of the manufacturers and the exporters. Board also takes into consideration the global supply situation; the carryover stocks lying in the market from the previous crops and also the specific demand for tobaccos grown in various areas such as Northern light soils, southern light soils and traditional black soils in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka light soils. Based on the demand projected, the Board evolves the production strategy and fixes crop targets area-wise.

Basing on the production policy laid down, the Registration Committee for growers and others will lay down the criteria for registration or renewal of registration of growers of virginia tobacco, nurserymen as per Rule 33 A (2) and 33-D(1) of the Tobacco Board Rules 1976. The committee also lays down criteria for grant of licences or renewal of licences for construction of barns and operation of barns as per Rule 34-M (1) and 34-O (1) of the Tobacco Board Rules 1976. The Registration Committee decides on area to be registered per barn and quota to be authorized taking into consideration the number of licensed barns and productivity levels of tobacco basing on the area –wise targets fixed. Accordingly, the registered growers are allocated a production quota in terms of fixed kilograms for his barn(s) and number of hectares of area to be cultivated for his/her licensed barn(s) and are monitored closely to comply with the same.

The soil region wise crop size fixed, area registered and quota authorized for a licensed barn and maximum no of barns permitted per grower during 2025-26 crop season are as follows:

Soil Region	Crop size fixed (m.kgs)	Area to be registered per barn (ha.)	Quota per barn (in Kgs)	Maximum no. of barns per grower	Maximum area per grower (Per Acre)
NORTHERN LIGHT SOIL *	49.70	1.60	3515	4.00	4.00
SOUTHERN LIGHT SOIL	48.10	2.90	3665	4.00	7.25
SOUTHERN BLACK SOIL	42.10	1.90	3565	4.00	4.75
NORTHERN BLACK SOIL	2.10	1.10	2102	4.00	2.75
Andhra Pradesh Total	142				
KARNATAKA LIGHT SOIL	100.00	1.70 (Simplex)	1816 (Simplex)	4.00 (Simplex)	6.80
		3.40 (Duplex)	3632 (Duplex)	2 (Duplex)	

* N.L.S. includes ELS also

PRODUCTION REGULATION CAMPAIGN:

The Board undertake a focused Production Regulation Campaign during crop season to limit the production to the crop size fixed by the Board and prevent excess/unauthorized production of FCV tobacco through personal contacts, group meetings in the villages and mass contact programmes. Public communication strategies such as posters, distribution of pamphlets, playing of audio cassettes, electronic and print media were used to appeal to the growers to limit the production to the crop size fixed by the Board and prevent excess/unauthorized production of FCV tobacco.

In Karnataka, the registration of FCV tobacco growers commenced w.e.f. 24/03/2025 for 2025-26 crop season and closed by 04/07/2025. As on 17/04/2026 a total of 40,858 growers covering 51,059.50 barns were registered for cultivation of tobacco for 2025-26 crop season. An area of 66987.29 ha., was planted and 81.96 million kg., was marketed as on 07.05.2026.

In Andhra Pradesh, the registration of FCV tobacco growers commenced w.e.f., 18/08/2025 for 2025-26 crop season and closed by 05/01/2026, As on 10/04/2026 a total of a total of 43,571 growers covering 39427.18 barns are registered and an area of 114422.59 ha., was planted.

The Auction Platform wise Registration Particulars for 2025-26 crop season (as on 17/04/2026) in Karnataka are as follows: -

Sl. No.	Name of the APF	Crop Size Fixed (M.kg)	Growers	Barns	Area Registered (ha.)	Area Planted(ha)
Mysore Region:						
1	H.D.Kote-1	9.94	3873	4969.00	8447.30	7075.00
2	Hunsur-2	7.85	3501	4287.00	7287.90	6911.29
3	Hunsur-3	7.11	3263	3875.00	6587.50	5490.00
4	Hunsur-64	6.02	2424	3065.00	5210.50	4214.00
5	Chillakunda-62	14.44	5857	7441.50	12650.55	9725.00
	Total:	45.37	18918	23637.50	40183.75	33415.29
Periyapatna Region:						
6	Periyapatna-4	12.76	4866	6117.00	10398.90	6671.00
7	Periyapatna-5	11.78	4997	6374.00	10835.80	7990.00
8	Periyapatna-6	11.94	4866	6117.00	10398.90	6960.00
9	Ramanathpura-7	9.77	4024	4861.00	8263.70	6252.00
10	Ramanathpura-63	8.39	3187	3953.00	6720.10	5699.00
	Total:	54.63	21940	27422.00	46617.40	33572.00
	Grand Total:	100.00	40858	51059.50	86801.15	66987.29

Auction Platform wise registration particulars for 2025-26 crop season (as on 10/04/2026) in Andhra Pradesh

Particulars	Crop size fixed (mkg)			No. of growers Regd			No. of barns licensed			Area registered (ha)			Area Planted (ha)		
	L.S.	B.S.	Total	L.S.	B.S.	Total	L.S.	B.S.	Total	L.S.	B.S.	Total	L.S.	B.S.	Total
NLS Region															
Devarapally	6.45	2.10	8.55	1579	896	2475	1789.34	969.50	2758.84	2868.24	1068.64	3936.88	3055.20	1120.94	4176.14
ELS	0.10	0.00	0.10	24	0	24	28.00	0.00	28.00	44.80	0.00	44.80	44.80	0.00	44.80
Devarapally	6.55	2.10	8.65	1603	896	2499	1817.34	969.50	2786.84	2913.04	1068.64	3981.68	3100.00	1120.94	4220.94
J.R.Gudem-I	10.87	0.00	10.87	2587	0	2587	3061.50	0.00	3061.50	4898.40	0.00	4898.40	7000.00	0.00	7000.00
J.R.Gudem-II	11.31	0.00	11.31	2894	0	2894	3202.50	0.00	3202.50	5124.00	0.00	5124.00	7787.85	0.00	7787.85
Koyyalagudem	11.40	0.00	11.40	2778	0	2778	3152.50	0.00	3152.50	5044.00	0.00	5044.00	6416.50	0.00	6416.50
Gopalapuram	9.94	0.00	9.94	2176	0	2176	2654.50	0.00	2654.50	4247.20	0.00	4247.20	4720.00	0.00	4720.00
Sub total	49.70	2.10	51.80	12038	896	12934	13888.34	969.50	14857.84	22226.64	1068.64	23295.28	29024.35	1120.94	30145.29
SBS Region															
Vellampally-II	3.17	5.48	8.65	1042	1534	2576	849.36	1529.75	2379.11	2463.14	2906.53	5369.67	2991.00	5136.00	8127.00
Ongole-I	2.68	7.46	10.14	1044	2129	3173	727.43	2083.00	2810.43	1972.39	3954.64	5927.03	3460.00	6349.00	9809.00
Ongole-II	0.00	7.71	7.71	0	1954	1954	0.00	2130.50	2130.50	0.00	4048.44	4048.44	0	5976.00	5976.00
Tangutur-I	0.00	10.25	10.25	0	2861	2861	0.00	2815.19	2815.19	0.00	5348.04	5348.04	0	8285.00	8285.00
Kondepi	4.67	5.72	10.39	2021	2028	4049	1271.99	1589.87	2861.86	3650.45	3022.15	6672.60	5353.00	5286.00	10639.00
Sub total	10.52	36.2	47.14	4107	10506	14613	2848.78	10148.31	12997.09	8085.98	19279.80	27365.78	11804.00	31032.00	42836.00
SLS Region															
Podili-I	8.92	0.74	9.66	4131	279	4410	2358.22	207.20	2565.42	6844.76	393.78	7238.54	9725.60	723.00	10448.60
Kanigiri	4.60	0.00	4.60	1510	0	1510	1220.55	0.00	1220.55	3537.69	0.00	3537.69	4478.00	0.00	4478.00
Kandukur-I	7.10	2.49	9.59	2610	834	3444	1935.84	681.26	2617.10	5156.29	1295.00	6451.29	7207.00	2289.00	9496.00
Kandukur-II	6.11	2.06	8.17	2324	785	3109	1654.51	566.22	2220.73	4672.51	1079.22	5751.73	6232.00	1586.00	7818.00
Kaligiri	4.41	0.18	4.59	1404	52	1456	1153.95	51.75	1205.70	3351.77	98.34	3450.11	3807.70	98.00	3905.70
D.C.Palli	6.44	0.00	6.44	2095	0	2095	1742.75	0.00	1742.75	5055.14	0.00	5055.14	5295.00	0.00	5295.00
Sub Total	37.58	5.48	43.06	14074	1950	16024	10065.82	1506.43	11572.25	28618.16	2866.34	31484.50	36745.30	4696.00	41441.30
Grand Total	97.80	44.20	142.00	30219	13352	43571	26802.94	12624.24	39427.18	58930.78	23214.78	82145.56	77573.65	36848.94	114422.59

ABSTRACT

(Area in ha., Qty. in mkg)					
Region	Crop size fixed	Growers	Barns	Area Regd.	Area Planted (ha.)
NLS	49.70	12038	13888.34	22226.64	29024.35
SLS	48.10	18181	12914.60	36704.14	48549.30
SBS	42.10	12456	11654.74	22146.14	35728.00
NBS	2.10	896	969.50	1068.64	1120.94
Total:	142.00	43571	39427.18	82145.56	114422.59

(b) Auctioneering services for the sale of FCV tobacco:

The Tobacco Board has established auction platforms (auction centers) in the vicinity of tobacco growing areas and introduced auction system for sale of FCV tobacco during 1984 to ensure fair and remunerative prices to the farmers. Since then, the auction system was being implemented successfully.

This system ensures accurate weighment, competitive bidding and prompt payment. This system has been working well to the satisfaction of farmers as well as traders.

(c) Introduction of Electronic auction (e-auction) system:

Though the manual auction system for sale of FCV tobacco has been a time tested one, for fine tuning of the system the Board has opted for introduction of information technology driven fool proof technology in auctioning of FCV tobacco to have absolute transparency in the auction proceedings and to eliminate the errors that were been encountered in manual auction system. Tobacco Board introduced e-auction system in the year 2012.

Advantages of E-Auctions compared to manual auctions system:

- In e-Auctions, bidding process can be viewed on LED screens and the whole process is transparent and in real time environment.
- Bid Prices are recorded automatically in the server and there is no scope for price corrections.
- All transactions are made available in digital format and this eliminates the manual recording of various auction data, thereby eliminating mistakes.
- This eliminates the discrimination of the auctioneer to award a lot to a specific buyer, hence no bias.
- Since this system does not allow any sort of manual interventions, it improves the competition among the buyers, there by leads to better price discovery for the produce offered for sale in auctions.
- The buyers can plan their buying strategy in advance by recording their remarks on the hand-held terminals provided to them to participate in bidding process.
- Cartel formation by the buyers is avoided as the details of the participating buyers is masked.
- The system monitors and allows the buyers to participate in bidding up to their credit limits only.

The channel of supervision and accessibility is represented in a form of organizational chart of Tobacco Board at page No.03.

(c) Registration of Traders:

The Registration/renewal of registration granted to different categories of traders for the year 2025 and for the year 2026 (as on 10/05/2026) are as follows:

Sl . No	Category	No. of Companies Registered	
		2025	2026*
1.	Processor of Virginia Tobacco	15	09
2.	Manufacturer of Virginia Tobacco	37	22
3.	Exporter of tobacco	243	216
4.	Exporter of tobacco products	630	485
5.	Dealer in tobacco	349	348
6.	Packer of tobacco	22	20
7.	Commercial grader of Virginia tobacco	16	09
	Total	1312	1109

***As on 10/05/2026**

In line with the Government of India's initiative on "Digital India, Tobacco Board had introduced online system for e-filing of applications for grant of registration / renewal of registration under various categories, to traders to provide a transparent and integrated electronic services to the tobacco trade. E-filing of applications has been made mandatory for obtaining registration / renewal of registration by all categories of traders through portal www.tobaccoboard.in.

Tobacco Board has on-boarded to National Single Window System on 22/09/2021 for fresh investors/traders. The NSWS portal is accessible to investors for registration with Tobacco Board under various categories.