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Crop Update

Yunnan Yunnan Province has received moderate temperatures this month, with wide-spread rainfall, but with sufficient sunlight, which will not affect the maturity of the upper-stalk tobacco leaves.

Field reaping has ended this month, and tobacco curing will be ending this month as well. Flue-cured tobacco purchases have begun at the beginning of this month, and it is expected to be completed in late October.

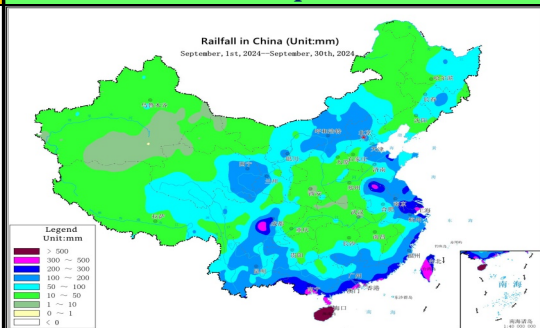
Tobacco leaf transport and lower leaves re-sorting are underway.

Guizhou Guizhou has experienced sunny weather this month, with favorable conditions and sufficient rainfall, which makes good growing conditions for the flue-cured crop.

The tobacco harvest has ended this month, and tobacco purchases are still ongoing. It is expected that the purchase of flue-cured tobacco will be completed in early October.

Tobacco leaf transport and re-sorting are ongoing as usual.

China Rainfall September 2024

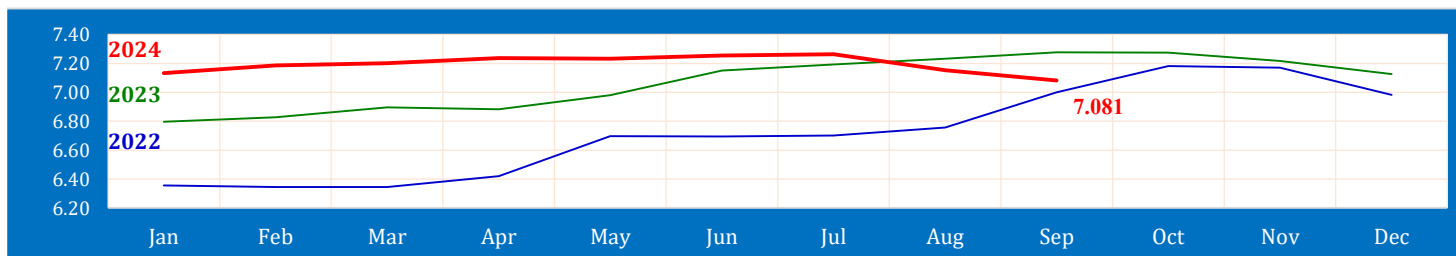


Currency Exchange (USD 1 : CNY x.xxx)

Monthly Average

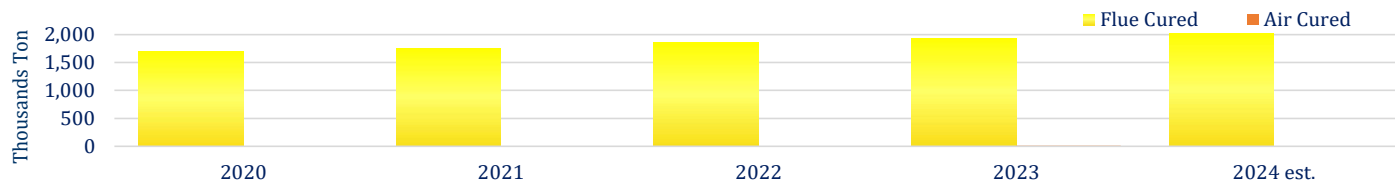
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2024	7.133	7.186	7.202	7.237	7.233	7.253	7.263	7.151	7.081			
2023	6.797	6.826	6.894	6.883	6.980	7.149	7.192	7.233	7.278	7.276	7.217	7.126
2022	6.356	6.345	6.344	6.420	6.696	6.694	6.731	6.797	7.000	7.182	7.171	6.981

Currency Exchange



Crop Size (Metric Tons)

Variety	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 est.
Flue Cured	1,701,500	1,750,000	1,853,000	1,933,000	2,019,000
Air Cured	6,000	6,000	8,000	10,000	10,000



2024 Crop Progress

Variety	Seedbed Sown	Transplanted	Harvested	Cured	Sold to date
Flue Cured	100 %	100 %	100 %	90 %	50 %
Burley	100 %	100 %	100 %	80 %	40 %

FCV Crop Summary	2021	2022	2023	2024 est.
Crop Size - M/Tons	1,754,000	1,853,000	1,933,000	2,019,000
Planting Area - Hectares	897,467	950,000	986,228	
Number of Growers	746,000	735,000	724,680	
Average Plot Size/Grower - Hectares	1.19	1.29	1.36	
Average Income/Grower	RMB 81,000 USD 12,768	RMB 108,700 USD 15,575	RMB 108,200 USD 15,135	

General News

Yunnan	<p>Recently, the tobacco purchasing station in Xiangyun, has initiated the procurement of tobacco in the province. Staff will inspect, grade, weigh and pack the cured tobacco in an orderly manner at the procurement site.</p> <p>CNTC Xiangyun has implemented measures such as strict procurement procedures, strengthening quality control and strengthening discipline to comprehensively improve the overall procurement level, ensure the smooth operation of various tobacco leaf procurement, and effectively protect the interests of tobacco farmers. Xiangyun County adopts the procurement model of "centralized grading, integrated transportation and agent sales" to reduce the transportation difficulties of tobacco farmers themselves, promptly deliver and understand the pre-sale situation of tobacco leaves by visiting homes, etc...Timely understand the tobacco production, drying, sales and other conditions within the jurisdiction, shorten the delivery time of tobacco farmers, check the progress of tobacco leaf procurement in an orderly and stable manner, and carry out the procurement of tobacco leaves efficiently. Adhere to the principle of fairness and openness, publish the location of buyers, purchasing discipline and purchasing price on the website, and publish the hotline for reporting, and take active supervision of tobacco farmers and the society. Actively stop violations of laws and regulations, efficiently collect tobacco and provide good services to tobacco farmers, strictly implement safety management regulations, and use a pass card system to ensure that only tobacco vending vehicles with passes can enter the purchasing station area. External vehicles are strictly prohibited from entering the tobacco vending station area, to avoid the chaos of transactions caused by traffic congestion and to ensure the safety and order of the purchasing site.</p> <p>Since the beginning of this year, the CNTC Luquan Branch has been promoting the Sustainable Tobacco Production (STP) development project, taking the opportunity to improve the level of green cultivation, green plant protection, green curing, pollution control, standardized employment, quality traceability and other work levels, implementing practical measures, pursuing practical results, and striving to promote the development of high-quality tobacco leaves.</p> <p>To meet the requirements of the STP project. CNTC Luquan quickly formulated a work plan, established a leading group and a task group with specialized personnel in charge, and carried out step-by-step training based on the key points of the STP project knowledge and practical tobacco production technology. To guide tobacco farmers to change their planting habits, CNTC Luquan started with soil improvement and crop rotation, which solved the problems of soil compaction and reduced soil fertility. They relied on the science and technology project to cooperate with universities to conduct soil conservation experiments and explored the use of flame sterilization measures in tobacco fields to kill pathogenic bacteria in the soil before planting flue-cured tobacco, which reduced the occurrence of soil-borne diseases.</p>
Guizhou	<p>Recently, CNTC Tongzi Branch, insisted on "strengthening process management and quality management, and continuously promoting tobacco leaf procurement." CNTC Tongzi uses various media to publicize relevant policies and regulations on tobacco leaf procurement to tobacco farmers, discloses contract sales, and reports hotline information, and raises the awareness of tobacco farmers' standards.</p> <p>CNTC Tongzi organizes and implements pre-work integrity for leaf purchasing personnel according to the tobacco leaf procurement discipline, honest work and other requirements. It regularly supervises key positions and key links of tobacco leaf procurement, and effectively improves the level of integrity risk prevention and control during tobacco leaf procurement.</p> <p>Strictly standardizes the procurement process, adhere to the pre-inspection, comparison and sorting, and sample acceptance, while ensuring the purity, grade quality and safety quality of tobacco leaves. Pay close attention to the target work, formulate daily procurement plans and weekly progress, and control the purchase point timing to ensure that the target work of tobacco leaf procurement is completed on time, in both quality and quantity.</p> <p>A comprehensive tobacco leaf procurement inspection working group has been established to integrate data supervision and on-site inspection to strengthen the process of supervision from the acquisition process to contract management, warehouse management, etc., issue timely alerts when abnormal situations are found, take care of corrections, and ensure that tobacco leaf procurement is carried out stably and orderly.</p> <p>In early September, CNTC Liupanshui, held a tobacco work meeting to listen to the progress report of the current tobacco work and prepare for the next stage . The meeting pointed out that the current harvesting and curing work is coming to an end. The cured tobacco leaves have the obvious characteristics of "bright yellow, soft and fragrant", the quality of the tobacco leaves is good, the tobacco leaf procurement work is standardized and orderly, the quality vision is relatively balanced, and the work is stable overall.</p> <p>The meeting required that:</p> <p>Firstly, we should focus on the complete reaping and curing of tobacco leaves, increase the guidance on the upper stalk reaping and curing of tobacco leaves in the field, improve the quality of the upper stalk and cured leaves, and reduce the losses of the reaping and curing of tobacco leaves.</p> <p>Secondly, we must maintain the bottom line of the quality of tobacco leaf procurement, emphasize the role of the comparison of samples, adhere to the specific distribution and collection process, and ensure the purity of tobacco leaves.</p> <p>Thirdly, we must strictly implement the discipline of tobacco leaf procurement and make every effort to prevent and solve the integrity and safety risks.</p>

End of Report

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