



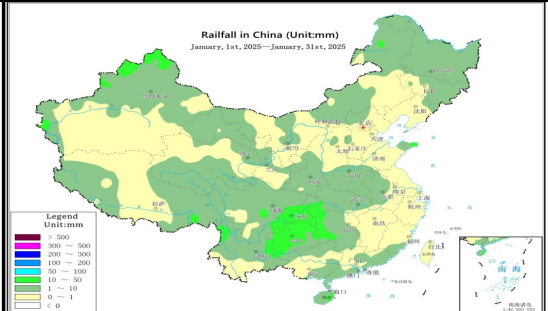
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Crop Update

China Rainfall January 2025

Yunnan
Sunny conditions have prevailed throughout the entire region this month, with high temperatures and only scattered, sporadic and moderate rainfall.
All preparatory work for the sowing of tobacco seeds has been completed. CNTC Yunnan plans to start sowing tobacco seeds after the Spring Festival and is expected to be complete by February 20th.
Green leaf tobacco transport is underway and approximately 80% will be finished by the end of January. Tobacco leaf processing is approximately 55% complete.



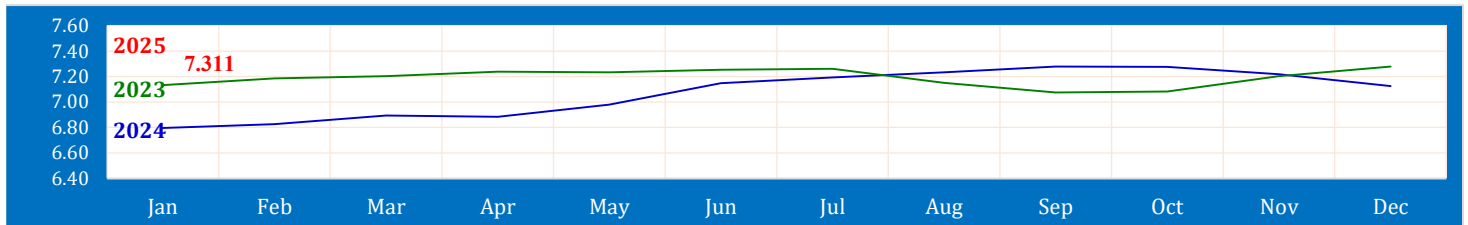
Guizhou
Guizhou has had similar weather conditions to Yunnan this month, with high temperatures and slightly more precipitation and rainfall throughout the region.
Guizhou tobacco production areas are preparing for the sowing of tobacco seeds and transportation for distribution has begun. CNTC Guizhou plans to start tobacco sowing after the Spring Festival holiday.
Tobacco leaf transport to leaf re-sorting and processing is ongoing, according to schedule but will be halted during the Spring Festival holidays. Leaf processing is approximately 60% complete for the domestic sector vs. 40% of the export sector, as of the end of January.

Currency Exchange (USD 1 : CNY x.xxx)

Monthly Average

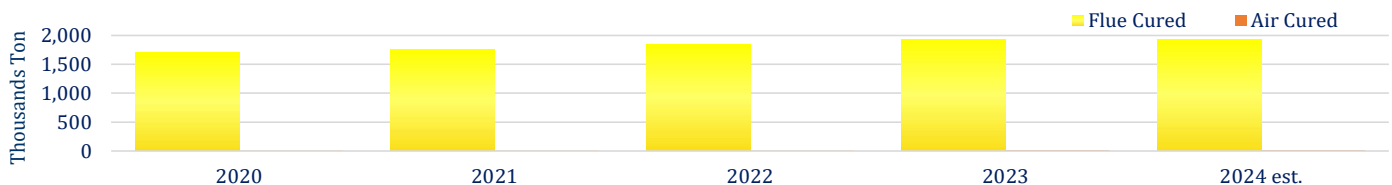
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2025	7.311											
2024	7.133	7.186	7.202	7.237	7.233	7.253	7.263	7.151	7.076	7.082	7.202	7.279
2023	6.797	6.826	6.894	6.883	6.980	7.149	7.192	7.233	7.278	7.276	7.217	7.126

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	1,922,000
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 %	100 %	100 %
Burley	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %

FCV Crop Summary	2021	2022	2023	2024 est.
Crop Size - M/Tons	1,754,000	1,853,000	1,933,000	1,922,000
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>To efficiently cultivate flue-cured tobacco seedlings in 2025, Shizong County has actively coordinated all aspects of materials. The requirements guarantee the cultivation and availability of high quality, strong seedlings in sufficient quantity for Shizong's flue-cured tobacco transplanting, in a timely manner and for the effective distribution to growers.</p> <p>To ensure the stable and sustainable development of tobacco production, recently, CNTC Xiangyun Branch insists on early planning, early action and early implementation, through household visits and surveys, monitored the planting intention of tobacco farmers and the preparation of tobacco fields, assess the soil texture and water supply, combined with the actual production in the consolidation of tobacco leaf development.</p> <p>Plan around tobacco infrastructure. Carefully analyze the regional ecological conditions such as terrain, climate and soil. Combine the actual layout of infrastructure equipment such as dense curing barns, tobacco water, machine farming roads and tobacco agricultural machinery and tools. Intensify the development resources of the tobacco industry, scientifically plan basic tobacco fields, stabilize the scale of old tobacco areas, cultivate new tobacco areas. Promote the intensive scale of tobacco production and create a tobacco industry belt with "ecological superiority and outstanding characteristics". Ensure long-term stability of tobacco planting scale.</p>
Guizhou	<p>Recently, CNTC in Liupanshui, Guizhou Province, held a tobacco leaf work meeting to assess the current situation of leaf work in each tobacco area, and discuss related matters such as standardized material management, subsidies for seedling materials, and layout adjustment of tobacco areas. CNTC Liupanshui proposed that the variety should be scientifically and reasonably distributed to ensure that the variety is suited to the village, to the household and to the field. Strengthen the control of varieties, strictly regulate the key links of seed supply and seeds sowing, strengthen the supervision of the links of 'plate sowing' and seedling thinning, and resolutely put an end to the cultivation of retained seeds and inferior varieties.</p> <p>Relying on the transformation of scientific and technological achievements of "pilot plots", strengthen the management of demonstration varieties, carry out integrated demonstration of suitable supporting technologies, and solve the problem of single planting varieties and continuous planting, resulting in reduced benefits.</p> <p>CNTC Liupanshui will standardize and improve the system for the construction of cooperatives, explore ways to expand their business scope, and improve their management capabilities.</p> <p>To effectively lay the foundation of tobacco production, CNTC Tongzi Branch is focusing on policy, publicity, seedling protection and technical training, and is preparing for flue-cured tobacco seedlings.</p> <p>Emphasis is on "timeliness", and seedling preparation. The tobacco stations are coordinating with the tobacco farmers' cooperative to conduct a comprehensive "physical examination" of the greenhouses under their control, and the timely purchase of seedling materials to repair and strengthen arch frames and other equipment of the greenhouses, to effectively cope with natural disasters, such as wind and snow.</p> <p>The tobacco technicians guide the cooperative staff in the cleaning of debris and weeds around the seedling greenhouses in a timely manner and carried out the cleaning and disinfection of the sites and the seedling trays to ensure that the seedling environment is clean and hygienic.</p> <p>Conduct technical training, organize tobacco technicians and cooperative seedling members to carry out "theory + practical operation" technical training at different levels, and the business backbone will explain the technical points in detail on the production of flue-cured tobacco seedling beds, standardized seeds sowing, sanitary disinfection, and prevention and management of diseases and pests at the seedling stage, so as to ensure that the staff are proficient in the technical regulations of seeds sowing, and provide technical support for cultivating high-quality tobacco seedlings.</p>

End of Report

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