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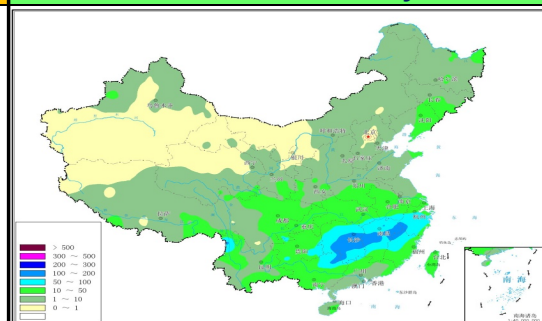
Crop Update

China Rainfall February 2025

The entire province has mostly been dry and sunny this month, with significantly lower-than-average annual rainfall and higher-than-normal temperatures. However, these weather conditions have had little impact on the cultivation of FCV tobacco seedlings.

Yunnan The sowing of FCV tobacco seedlings is now complete, and efforts are underway to strengthen seedbed management.

The transportation of tobacco leaf for re-sorting and leaf processing has resumed after the Spring Festival. Approximately 70% of leaf processing is complete.



Most parts of Guizhou Province experienced below-average temperatures and above-normal rainfall this month.

Guizhou The sowing of FCV tobacco seedlings began after the Spring Festival and ended in late February. Various regions are taking measures to increase temperatures and preserve seedlings to protect them from cold and damp weather effects.

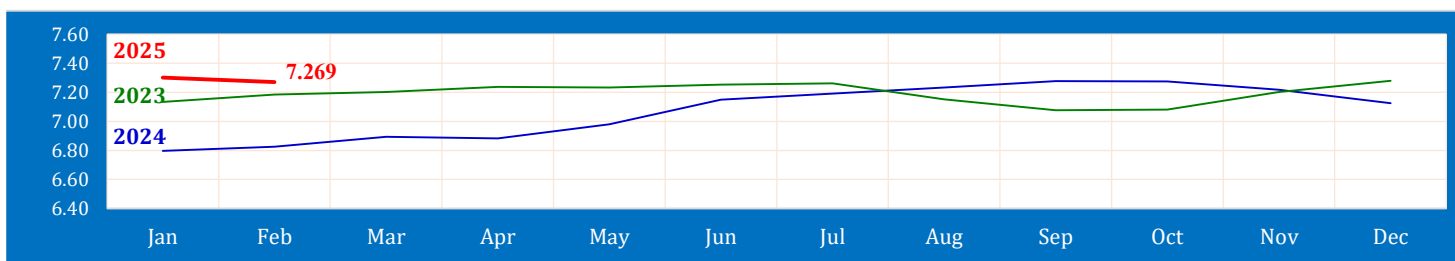
Tobacco leaf transportation is nearly complete, while lower stalk leaf re-sorting for the export sector is complete, and the processing resumed in early February. Approximately 60% of leaf processing has been completed.

Currency Exchange (USD 1 : CNY x.xxx)

Monthly Average

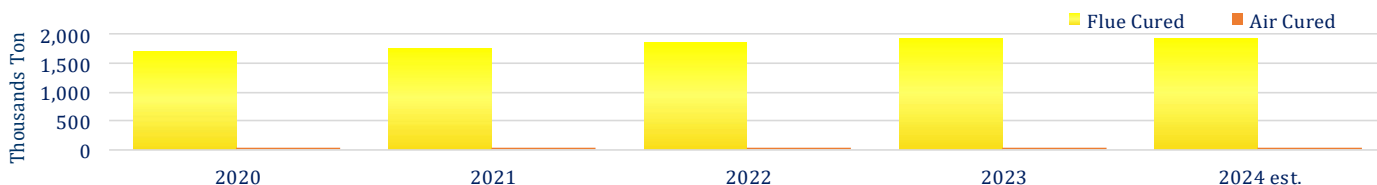
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2025	7.301	7.269										
2024	7.133	7.186	7.202	7.237	7.233	7.253	7.263	7.151	7.076	7.082	7.202	7.279
2023	6.797	6.826	6.894	6.883	6.980	7.149	7.192	7.233	7.278	7.276	7.217	7.126

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	1,042,900
Number of Growers	746,000	735,000	724,680	725,000
Average Plot Size/Grower - Hectares	1.19	1.29	1.36	1.44
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, CNTC Wenshan Branch held a meeting to organize and allocate the key work of tobacco leaf production throughout the province. The meeting required that by 2025, the province's tobacco leaf production should adhere to the development concept of "quality is life, scale is the foundation, mechanism is the support, specialization is the guarantee, and digital transformation is the rapid transformation", Focus on identifying shortcomings, promote improvement, innovation, marketing, evaluation, motivation and initiatives to steadily promote the production of new tobacco leaves.</p> <p>At present, it is a critical period for the preparation of FCV tobacco seedlings. All counties in Chuxiong, have taken serious action and preparations to start the production of FCV tobacco this year. Closely monitor the quality and cultivation efficiency of seedlings. According to the tobacco leaf procurement plan, the number of seedling nurseries should be rationally planned according to the principle of gradual seedling cultivation. The usage standards of related materials should be scientifically calculated, and the storage and scheduling of seedling materials should be strengthened. Closely supervise the management and maintenance of seedling nurseries and ensure comprehensive disinfection. Thoroughly organize the seedling nursery, level the seedling pond, clean, strictly implement the disinfection operation requirements, and thoroughly disinfect the seedling pond, seedling shed, and old seedling trays. Strengthen the leadership of the organization and implement the division of responsibilities. Regular inspections are used to guide, supervise, inspect, and evaluate the seedling cultivation work to ensure that all seedling cultivation work is carried out on-site. Strengthen the training of tobacco farmers and ensure that policies are properly publicized. Timely publicize tobacco production trends and new policies and assist in training and mobilizing tobacco farmers.</p> <p>To produce top quality tobacco in 2025, Shizong County focuses on the work target, makes full use of the current sunny weather conditions, and carries out the FCV tobacco seedling planting work, laying a solid foundation for tobacco production in 2025. Guide the cooperative to adhere to the principle of "relative centralization, easy management, and convenience for tobacco farmers", and through the survey of planting conditions, comprehensively integrate the distribution of tobacco fields and tobacco farmers in the tobacco growing areas of Shizong County to carry out accurate seedling planning, prepare sufficient seedling materials at each seedling point, and carry out the preliminary work such as the construction of seedling sheds as early as possible. With the cultivation of strong seedlings as the core, standardization of tobacco seedling sowing should be carried out. Water and fertilizer management and temperature and humidity management should be strengthened. Leaf cutting and root promotion should be implemented, and robust tobacco seedlings should be cultivated to lay a solid foundation for high-quality tobacco seedlings transplanting in the field.</p>
Guizhou	<p>Recently, CNTC Zunyi Branch, held a video conference on tobacco leaf work to comprehensively summarize the tobacco leaf work in 2024, deeply analyze the current situation, and formulate and implement the work goals for 2025 including construction tasks of tobacco agriculture modernization.</p> <p>The conference required all participants to firstly make every effort to strengthen the foundation of the tobacco industry, implement policies well, and strictly control the total planned tobacco volume.</p> <p>Second, they should improve the level of raw material procurement, strengthen the control of tobacco varieties, and increase output according to demand.</p> <p>Third, they should stimulate the momentum of innovation and development, and insist on promoting the full-scale mechanization, digital integration, and the development of environmentally friendly tobacco.</p> <p>Fourth, they should strengthen grassroots' governance and resolutely protect the interests of tobacco farmers and companies.</p> <p>Fifth, they should promote cost reduction, efficiency and potential improvement, and effectively reduce the resulting costs.</p> <p>Sixth, they should deepen the integration and development of the industry, accelerate the integration of grain and tobacco, and continuously improve the index of various crops and the comprehensive output rate of tobacco farms, and effectively increase the income of tobacco farmers.</p>

Guizhou	<p>Since February, Anshun City, has been carefully planning, organizing, and promoting the cultivation of tobacco seedlings, using scientific methods, technological empowerment and strict supervision to lay a solid foundation for tobacco production in the new year.</p> <p>They monitor and record key environmental parameters such as nursery temperature, humidity and light intensity in real time, and strengthen temperature and humidity management to ensure that tobacco seedlings are always in a suitable and stable growth environment. They carry out face-to-face communication and practical guidance through regular training, on-site demonstration, etc., to ensure standardized operations and meticulous management in all aspects of FCV tobacco seedling cultivation and effectively improve the quality and efficiency of seedling cultivation.</p> <p>In addition, Anshun City has set up a special inspection team to track and inspect all aspects of the nursery site, strictly following the standardized process to ensure nursery production, material use, plant variety control, technical operation and other links. Compiling work records for each link, clarifying the responsible people, regularly evaluating and inspecting the nursery work, and including the evaluation results in the performance evaluation, motivating staff to perform their duties conscientiously.</p> <p>To ensure the advancement of FCV tobacco production, Panzhou City, has recently taken a multi-pronged approach, focusing on three areas: consolidating the foundation, empowering science and technology, and cooperating for win-win results, to fully promote the FCV tobacco industry to embark on a new journey of high-quality development. Lay a solid foundation and stabilize the industry base. Continue to work hard to stabilize tobacco areas, tobacco fields and tobacco farmers, and continuously improve the scale and intensity of tobacco planting by scientifically optimizing the layout of tobacco leaf planting. Provide tobacco farmers with full process tracking and comprehensive coverage services, cultivate a group of new professional tobacco farmers who are both proficient in professional technology and good at business management, and inject talent into industrial development. Empower science and technology to improve production efficiency. Face key technical problems such as variety control, nutritional regulation, and curing quality improvement. According to market demand, scientifically determine the processing time, leaf position and number of tobacco plants, combine stability and control, and improve the quality of tobacco leaves. Integrate various agricultural machinery resources. Promote the deep integration of agricultural machinery, agronomy, farmland, and agricultural services, improve production efficiency, and meet diversified production needs. Establish a regular communication and consultation mechanism with industrial enterprises, timely connect with quality feedback, accurately formulate improvement measures, create customized production technology solutions, and strive to maintain long-term and stable cooperative relationships. Increase soil conservation efforts, fully implement green prevention and control measures, and achieve green and sustainable development of the FCV tobacco industry.</p>
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