

TOBACCO CALENDAR

| CROP SIZE MANAGEMENT | | | | |
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| Activity | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| | Jan - Mar | Apr - Jun | Jul - Sept | Oct - Dec |
| Crop intelligence | | | | |
| Seed sales | | 1st May (Starts) | 30th Sept (Ends) | |
| Trade requirements | | | | |
| Submissions | Jan (1 st Submission) | 30-Apr (2 nd submission) | Aug (Final/Revised Submission) | |
| Crop estimates | 1st & 2nd round estimates (end Jan. & end March respectively) | Final estimate (June) | | Nursery Assessment (Nov) |
| Estimate Report Submission | 4 working days after estimates | | | 4 working days after nursery assessment |
| Government Pronouncement | 7 days after reporting | 7 days after reporting | | |



| PRICING | | | | |
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| CoP, crop throws, consultations, minimum pricing, | | | | |
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| | Jan - Mar | Apr - Jun | Jul - Sept | Oct - Dec |
| Cost of Production | Consultation meetings (March) | | | |
| | CoP Confirmed (March) | | | |
| Crop throw | | | | 1st week of Oct (Deadline) |
| Price matrix | | (Consultation meetings and announcements by 30th April) | (Approvals by 30th April) | |
| Minimum price | | Govt minimum price announcement (by 15th May) | | |



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| STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION | | | | |
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| Grower registration, contracting, open & closing periods | | | | |
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| | Jan - Mar | Apr - Jun | Jul - Sept | Oct - Dec |
| Contract Vetting | By end March | | | |
| Contracting | | contracting opens | 30th Aug (contracting closes) | |
| Uploading into FMS | | 1-May (Starts) | 30-Aug (Closes) | |
| Registration & licensing of growers | | 1-Jun (Opens) | 30-Sep (Closes) | |
| Registration & licensing of grower associations | | | | Oct - Dec |
| Registration & licensing of transporters | 31st January (Closes) By 15 March (Publishing of qualified Transporters and transport rates) Jan - Feb | | | November (Opens) |
| Registration & licensing of commercial graders | Jan - Feb | | | |
| Registration & Licensing of Hessian Scheme Operators | Jan - Feb | | | |
| Registration & licensing of market operator | Jan - Feb | | | |
| Registration & licensing of tobacco buyers | Jan - Feb | | | |
| Registration of extension officers | | By 30th April. | | |
| Data cleaning and verification | | | | Nov- Dec |
| Submission of data to AHL (TC) | End February (Deadline) | | | |
| Inputting of data and sharing to stakeholders (AHL) | Mid March (Deadline) | | | |

| KEY CROP ACTIVITIES | | | | |
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| Nurseries, uprooting, ARET field days etc. | | | | |
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| | Jan - Mar | Apr - Jun | Jul - Sept | Oct - Dec |
| Distribution of inputs | | | By 31 Aug (nursery inputs) | (field inputs) |
| Extension outreach | Land preps & Stalk uprooting (Dry Planting) | Land prep Stalk uprooting | Management Nurseries | Field management |
| Water planting | | | September | November |
| Rain planting | | | | By 31st Dec |
| Curing sheds | | | Construction & maintenance | 30-Nov |
| Field crop mgt | Nursery bed destruction Reaping Topping DE suckering Grading | Reaping (April) Stalk Uprooting Grading | | Fertilization Weeding Pest & disease control |

| TOBACCO SALES | | | | |
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| Tobacco Deliveries, Opening of Floors | | | | |
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| | Jan - Mar | Apr - Jun | Jul - Sept | Oct - Dec |
| Delivery meetings | Early - mid March | | | |
| Commencement of Tobacco deliveries | Mid -End March | | | |
| Commencement of sales | | Starts early April | | |

| KEY EVENTS | | | | |
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| Ministerial visits, seminars, reviews, Trade Fairs | | | | |
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| | Jan - Mar | Apr - Jun | Jul - Sept | Oct - Dec |
| Industry Conference | | | | Nov |
| Quarterly Conference resolution reviews | 19-Mar | 30-Jun | Mid Sept | |
| ARET Field days/ open days | Technologies open days (February - March) | | | Nurseries |