

Flue Cured Tobacco

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About Flue Cured Tobacco

- Curing is a process by which the harvested tobacco leaf is made ready for the market.
- It is a well standardized process especially in FCV tobacco to achieve the desirable qualities in the cured leaf along with the removal of moisture.
- There are three types of tobacco curing methods traditionally used: Air-Cured, Fire-Cured, and Flue-Cured.
- Each of the different curing methods results in a tobacco product that is distinguishable by both its nicotine content and its aroma.
- Why is Tobacco cured?
 - To create smoking tobacco, the tobacco leaves need to be cured, or dried out.
 - The wet, green tobacco leaves of a tobacco plant initially contain too much moisture to catch fire.
 - They also have higher chlorophyll content. By releasing a certain amount of chlorophyll from the leaves during the drying out process, the natural tannins come out giving the smoked tobacco its flavor and scent.
- Key characteristics of Flue Cured Tobacco
 - Produces primarily cigarette tobacco

- Contains a high sugar content
 - Contains medium to high levels of nicotine
 - Rich in natural tannins which creates its distinct mild and slightly sweet flavor and aroma
 - In India Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) Tobacco is mainly produced in India in 2 states, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.
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Q1) What is Nicotine?

It is a naturally produced alkaloid in the nightshade family of plants and is widely used recreationally as a stimulant and anxiolytic. As a pharmaceutical drug, it is used for smoking cessation to relieve withdrawal symptoms.

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