

## Tobacco Board trims crop size for Karnataka, decision on AP later

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**Guntur:** The Tobacco Board has reduced the crop size for Karnataka for the upcoming season at its board meeting held on Friday.

The crop size was brought down to 99 million kg from 100 mkg last year. Board chairman Yadlapati Raghunatha Babu presided over the session held in Bengaluru. Raghunatha Babu said the board discussed the issue of Karnataka crop size at length as it was the main agenda of the meeting.



*Tobacco board chairman Y Raghunatha Babu at the meeting*

"After taking the requests of the growers and grower representatives, indents given by manufacturers and exporters through Indian Tobacco Association(ITA), we have decided to fix the size at 99 million kgs for 2020-21 crop season in Karnataka," Raghunatha Babu said.

He said that they studied the past export and domestic performance, global supply and demand position before taking the call. He said that ensuring fair and remunerative prices to the growers was at the top of their agenda to fix the crop size at 99 million kgs.

The board had put the Karnataka's crop, which is considered to be a premium variety, at 100 million kgs in the last two years.

The board had fixed AP's crop size at 136 million kgs in the last two years and is likely to go with the same size for 2020-21 season. The crop size for AP would be decided around June as the cultivation season would commence around September-October.

K Sunitha, executive director, N Ashok Kumar, director of export promotion in Union commerce ministry, BY Srinivas, agriculture director, Karnataka, board members Shafi Ur Rehman, Yarlagadda Ankamma Chowdary, Kodavati Vasudeva Rao, Gundala Konda Reddy, director tobacco board (auctions) TV Ravi and board secretary Addanki Sridhar Babu also attended the meeting.

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