

Tobacco board retains crop size for Karnataka

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Vijayawada: Taking gloomy international demand into consideration, Indian Tobacco Board has decided to retain crop size for Karnataka for 2024-25 season at 100 million kgs. The crop size for Karnataka during 2023-24 season was at 100 million kgs.

The board governing council presided by chairman Yashwanth Chidipothu met here on Friday and discussed the issue at length.

It took the views of traders as well as farmers into consideration before arriving at the decision. Tobacco is a regulated crop in India where AP and Karnataka are major producers.

Although tobacco from Karnataka is considered premium variety, the slump in global markets has prompted the board not to increase the crop size. The board executive director Addanki Sridhar Babu, director (auctions) M Aswani Naidu, board members HC Basavaraju, Mareddy Subramanyeswara Reddy, P Varaprasad, HR Dinesh, Koppuravuri Ramesh Babu, GC Vikram Raj, B Bramhaiah were also present.

The board has also elected member Gutta Vasu Babu as its vice-chairman for 2024. Union agriculture deputy secretary Abhimanyu Kumar, CTRI director Magunta Seshu Babu, senior official of AP agriculture department Ramesh Pai attended the online meeting.

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