Tobacco

Softs

Cured leaf of the tobacco plant, traded green or processed into strip before it is made into cigarettes.

Key facts

World production, 2024
6 million tonnes

Top producer
China, 37%

Top exporter, unmanufactured tobacco (HS 2401), 2024
Brazil, 20% of export value

Benchmark price, July 2026
$6,775/t
US import unit value, unmanufactured; -4% over 12 months

HS code
2401 Unmanufactured tobacco and tobacco refuse

FAOSTAT item
826 Unmanufactured tobacco

Also called
tobacco leaf, unmanufactured tobacco, flue-cured tobacco, burley

Top producers, 2024

Country	Tonnes	Share
China	2.3 million	37%
India	727,203	12%
Brazil	637,749	11%

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Indonesia	353,386	5.9%
Zimbabwe	236,815	3.9%

FAOSTAT Crops and livestock products (QCL), 2024.

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
Brazil	2.8 billion USD	20%
India	1.5 billion USD	11%
Zimbabwe	1.3 billion USD	9.5%
United States	1 billion USD	7.4%
Belgium	599.9 million USD	4.3%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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