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## Japan

### Tobacco and Products

### Tobacco Annual Report

### 2005

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**Report Highlights:**

In spite of an unusually high frequency of typhoons, earthquakes and snowfall hitting Japan and damaging leaf tobacco crops, Japanese tobacco production in 2004 grew 4% from the previous year. After a severe decrease in Japanese leaf tobacco production on top of continued shrinkage in the availability of farm labor, the area of planted tobacco in 2004 dropped 4% from the previous year.

Japanese cigarette consumption is showing a similar downtrend. According to an annual industry survey, during 2004 the smoking rate for Japanese males was 46.9% and for females was 13.2%. The combined ratio of 29.4% for both sexes represents a 9-year low, down 1% from the previous year.

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Includes PSD Changes: Yes  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
Scheduled Report  
Tokyo [JA1]  
[JA]

**Production Table for Leaf Tobacco in Japan:**

PRODUCT	Planting Area (Ha.)			Measurement	Production Volume (MT)		
	2003	2004	2005		2003	2004	2005
Flue-Cured	15,930	15,598	14,897	Farm Sales Weight	41,034	33,597	35,747
Burley	6,807	6,628	6,391	Farm Sales Weight	16,395	16,394	16,292
Light Air-Cured	301	281	250	Farm Sales Weight	745	671	620
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				Farm Sales Weight	58,174	50,662	52,659
Total	23,038	22,507	21,538	Dry Weight	52,400	45,600	47,000
(Source: Japan Federation of Tobacco Growers' Associations / Japan Tobacco Inc.)							

**PSD Table for Total Unmanufactured Leaf Tobacco in Japan:**

COMMODITY	TOBACCO, UNMFG., TOTAL			(HA)(MT)			UOM
	2003	Revised	2004	Estimate	2005	Forecast	
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		01/2003		01/2004		01/2005	MM/YYYY
Area Planted	23410	23038	22109	22507	0	21,538	(HA)
Beginning Stocks	197455	197455	175772	182572	157772	168424	(MT)
Farm Sales Weight Prod	50662	58,174	50000	50,662	0	52,659	(MT)
Dry Weight Production	45600	52,400	45000	45,600	0	47,000	(MT)
U.S. Leaf Imports	33430	33430	36000	32071	0	33,500	(MT)
Other Foreign Imports	48501	48501	48000	52355	0	52000	(MT)
TOTAL Imports	81931	81931	84000	84426	0	85500	(MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	324986	331786	304772	312598	157772	300924	(MT)
Exports	2714	2714	3000	7174	0	5000	(MT)
Dom. Leaf Consumption	59000	59000	58000	55000	0	54000	(MT)
U.S. Leaf Dom. Consum.	43500	43500	43000	42000	0	41000	(MT)
Other Foreign Consump.	44000	44000	43000	40000	0	35000	(MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	146500	146500	144000	137000	0	130000	(MT)
TOTAL Disappearance	149214	149214	147000	144174	0	135000	(MT)
Ending Stocks	175772	182,572	157772	168424	0	165924	(MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	324986	331786	304772	312598	0	300924	(MT)

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