

TANZANIA TOBACCO SECTOR EL NIÑO 2026/27 TOBACCO PRODUCTION CONTINGENCY GUIDE

SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2026

- Move nursery away from low ground
- Raise nursery beds
- Construct drainage channels
- Prepare rain protection
- Use healthy seed
- Harden seedlings

TRANSPLANTING

- Do not transplant into waterlogged soil
- Use raised ridges
- Maintain drainage
- Transplant healthy seedlings only

FERTILIZER

- Use zone-specific recommendation
- Avoid fertilizer immediately before extreme rainfall
- Split fertilizer where recommended

FIELD

- Maintain drainage every week
- Scout diseases frequently
- Repair erosion immediately
- Follow TMA 10-day forecast

HARVEST

- Check weather forecast
- Organize labour before rain
- Avoid exposing harvested leaf to rain

CURING

- Repair barn before harvesting
- Keep rain out
- Control ventilation
- Monitor temperature/humidity

STORAGE

- Dry storage room
- Tobacco off the floor
- Protect against moisture
- Inspect regularly