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Tobacco Comparison Chart

Every tobacco we carry, grouped by type and sorted by days to maturity

Days	Variety	Cures to	Height	Best for	Notes	Disease
Virginia & Bright Leaf						
50	**Bucak**	Light brown	5 ft	Cigarette, pipe	Turkish-bred; hardy	—
55	**Virginia Gold** HEIR	Golden	6–7 ft	Cigarette, pipe	18 big leaves	—
55	**Yellow Orinoco** HEIR	Golden	5 ft	Cigarette, pipe	16 leaves; few suckers	—
60	**Big Gem** HEIR	Golden	5½ ft	Cigarette, pipe	25+ leaves; hardy	—
60	**Gold Leaf 939**	Gold-brown	—	Cigarette, pipe	Uniform; few suckers	—
60	**Vesta 64**	Golden	4½–5 ft	Cigarette, pipe	Air or flue cures	—
60	**Virginia 355**	Golden	—	Cigarette, pipe	Flue-cured type	—
60	**Virginia 724**	Golden	—	Cigarette, pipe	Smooth flue-cured	—
65	**Costello Negro**	Golden	5–6 ft	Cigarette, pipe	Sweet, slightly nutty	—
65	**Delhi 34**	Golden	7 ft	Cigarette, pipe	Sheds rain; few suckers	BRR, WFL
65	**Virginia 116**	Bright gold	4½ ft	Cigarette, pipe	Mild; easy to air cure	—
70	**American 14**	Golden	6 ft+	Cigarette, pipe	30 leaves; drought-hardy	—
70	**American 572**	Golden	6 ft	Cigarette, pipe	Aromatic; air or flue cure	—
70	**Gold Leaf Orinoco**	Golden	6 ft	Cigarette, pipe	Peruvian Orinoco strain	—
70	**Silk Leaf** HEIR	Golden	6 ft+	Cigarette, pipe	Mild; high yield	—
70	**Tekne**	Golden	6–7 ft	Cigarette, pipe	Hungarian Orinoco type	—
75	**Cherry Red**	Golden	7 ft+	Cigarette, pipe	25+ big leaves	—
75	**Virginia Bright Leaf** HEIR	Gold-brown	6 ft	Cigarette, pipe	18–20 leaves per plant	—
90	**Virginia 15**	Golden	5 ft	Cigarette, pipe	Light, aromatic	—
Burley						
60	**Golden Burley**	Buckskin	5–6 ft	Cigarette, blend	Mild; ages quickly	—
65	**Burley 21**	Light brown	6–7 ft	Cigarette, blend	Full flavor; heavy leaf	—
65	**Burley 64**	Light brown	—	Cigarette, blend	White stem; cures easily	BRR, BS, FW, TMV
65	**Burley 9**	Gold-brown	—	Cigarette, blend	Drought resistant	—
65	**KY 15**	Orange-tan	—	Cigarette, blend	Almost no suckers	—
70	**Harrow Velvet**	Light brown	—	Cigarette, blend	Uniform; ages quickly	—
70	**NB 11**	Light brown	5 ft	Cigarette, blend	Thick leaf; wind resistant	—
70	**Shargo**	Light brown	7–8 ft	Pipe, blending	Burley × Turkish; spicy	—
80	**TN 86**	Light brown	—	Cigarette, blend	High yield; virus res.	BRR, BS, PVY, WF

Virginia

Bright leaf that cures golden. Mild and sweet; the base of most cigarette blends.

Burley

Air-cured to light brown. Fuller flavor; takes up flavorings well in pipe blends.

Cigar

Wrapper, binder and filler leaf; wrappers are often shade grown for thin, silky leaf.

Dark & rustica

Rich dark leaf for pipe, chew and snuff. Rustica is very high in nicotine.

Disease codes and HEIR tags are explained on page 3.

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Cigar Wrapper						
55	**Florida Sumatra** HEIR	—	6 ft	Wrapper (shade)	24 × 15 in. leaves	—
60	**Paris Wrapper** HEIR	—	6 ft	Wrapper, binder	30 × 20 in. leaves	—
60	**Scantic**	—	—	Wrapper (shade)	Connecticut Valley type	—
65	**Magnolia**	—	—	Cigar wrapper	Oval leaves; few suckers	—
80	**Connecticut Shade**	—	9 ft+	Wrapper (shade)	26–28 leaves; uniform	—
80	**Corojo 99**	Dark brown	6 ft	Cigar wrapper	Silky; spicy cedar aroma	—
Cigar Binder & Filler						
45	**Little Dutch** HEIR	—	3 ft	Filler, pipe	Good in containers	—
50	**Comstock Spanish** HEIR	—	4½ ft	Binder, wrapper	Wisconsin, late 1800s	—
55	**Cuban Criollo 98**	—	6 ft	Cigar binder	Classic Cuban strain	—
55	**Havana 142**	Light brown	—	Binder, chew	Good for short seasons	—
55	**L'Assomption**	—	4½–5 ft	Filler, binder	Canadian, 1930s	—
55	**Negro Black**	Dark brown	—	Cigar	Long cure; mild smoke	—
55	**Ohio Dutch**	—	4–5 ft	Filler, pipe	Long, narrow leaves	—
60	**Dominican Republic Olor**	—	6 ft	Cigar	Pointed leaves	—
60	**Havana 501**	Med. brown	—	Cigar	Cuban heritage	—
60	**La Palma Havana**	—	—	Cigar	Cuban-style aroma	—
60	**Lancaster Seedleaf**	Deep brown	—	Filler, binder	Pennsylvania classic	—
60	**Walkers Broadleaf** HEIR	—	—	All cigar uses	1880s heirloom	—
60	**Wisconsin 901**	—	—	Cigar binder	Tight, upright form	—
65	**Havana 608**	—	—	Filler, binder	20 leaves; wind hardy	—
70	**Habano 2000**	—	6 ft	Cigar	Corojo cross	—
70	**Pennsylvania Red**	Red-brown	5 ft	Filler, binder	Leaves up to 3 ft long	—
Oriental & Turkish						
55	**Samsun Maden**	Light	6 ft	Cigarette, pipe	Milder Samsun strain	—
65	**Black Sea Samsun**	—	4–5 ft	Cigarette, pipe	Rich aroma; mild	—
65	**Japan 8**	—	6 ft	Blending	Sweet; low nicotine	—
70	**Ainaro**	—	—	Sun-cured	Timor-Leste heritage	—
70	**Bursa**	—	8 ft	Pipe, blending	30+ leaves; stake it	—
70	**Shirazi**	Light tan	—	Sun-cured	Persian; thin leaves	—
Flowering Tobacco						
21	**Jasmine**	—	4 ft	Ornamental	Fragrant evening blooms	—
50	**Sylvestris**	—	3–5 ft	Ornamental	White trumpet flowers	—

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Dark Air- & Fire-Cured						
55	**Tofta**	Med.–dark	—	Pipe, cigar	Earthy, robust flavor	—
60	**Madole** HEIR	Dark brown	5 ft	Pipe, cigar	Often fire-cured	—
60	**One Sucker** HEIR	Dark	4–5 ft	Chew, cigar	Frost & wind resistant	—
60	**Red Rose**	Med. brown	—	Cigarette, pipe	Aromatic	—
60	**Sm. Stalk Black Mammoth** HEIR	Dark	4–5 ft	Pipe, snuff	30 × 16 in. leaves	—
65	**Catterton** HEIR	Red-brown	3–5 ft	Cigarette, pipe	Maryland heirloom	—
65	**Goose Creek Red**	Red-brown	—	Pipe, wrapper	Silky leaf	—
65	**Greenwood** HEIR	—	5–6 ft	Chew, cigar	Fire-cured heirloom	—
65	**PY KY 171**	Dark	5–6 ft	Fire-cured	Pale yellow line	BRR, TMV, WF
65	**Shirey**	Med. brown	—	Cigarette, pipe	Frost hardy	—
65	**Stag Horn**	Red-brown	—	Cigarette, pipe	Horn-shaped leaves	—
Rustica & Heritage						
40	**Pueblo**	—	4–5 ft	Blending	Thick, waxy leaves	—
40	**Punche**	—	—	Blending	Frost tolerant; fast	—
45	**Limonka Rustica**	Dark	2½ ft	Blending	Polish heirloom	—
50	**Sacred Cornplanter**	—	—	Blending	Big rustica leaves	—
55	**Papante**	—	—	Blending	Sonoran heritage	—
60	**Little Cuba**	—	3–4 ft	Cigar	Bushy; second harvest	—
65	**Mohawk**	—	3 ft	Blending	Big, thick rustica leaves	—
65	**Mountain Pima**	—	3–4 ft	Blending	Pink flowers	—
70	**Aztec Rustica**	Med.–dark	2½ ft	Blending	Yellow flowers	—
70	**Yumbo**	—	3 ft	Blending	Amazon heritage	—

Days are from transplant to first harvest. **Cures to** is the typical air-cured color; a dash means it varies.

Disease Resistance Codes

BRR	Black root rot	**BS**	Black shank	**FW**	Fusarium wilt
PVY	Potato virus Y	**TMV**	Tobacco mosaic virus	**WF**	Wildfire
WFL	Weather fleck				

Starting from seed

Seed is dust-fine: press it onto the soil surface and do not cover it. Start indoors 6–8 weeks before the last frost; transplant 18–24 in. apart.

Topping & suckering

For bigger leaves, cut off the flower head (topping) as it forms, then pinch the side shoots (suckers) that follow. Leave flowers on ornamentals.

Harvest & curing

Pick leaves from the bottom up as they yellow (priming), or cut whole stalks. Hang in a dry, airy barn or shed for 6–8 weeks to air cure.



Virginia Gold



Aztec Rustica

Variety Notes

HEIR Heirloom, open-pollinated

Note For ornamental, educational and legal personal use; check local laws.

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