

(i) TOBACCO-GROWING STATISTICS

Comparison between the records of the years of the Board's operation is made possible by the following table :—

Season.				Number of Growers.	Contract Acreage.	Amended Contract Acreage.*	Production.
							lb.
1935-36	..	..	..	499	1,969	†	1,197,161
1936-37	..	..	..	508	2,770	†	1,609,493
1937-38	..	..	..	442	2,563	†	2,067,827
1938-39	..	..	..	342	2,225	†	1,423,610
1939-40	..	..	..	339	2,570	†	2,217,040
1940-41	..	..	..	381	2,963	†	3,143,355
1941-42	..	..	..	381	3,063	2,875	2,721,539
1942-43	..	..	..	360	2,960	2,907	3,185,183
1943-44	..	..	..	414	3,106	3,066	3,083,094
1944-45	..	..	..	487	3,383	3,303	3,286,067
1945-46	..	..	..	553	3,577	3,405	4,080,135
1946-47	..	..	..	628	3,934	3,805	4,706,723
1947-48	..	..	..	661	4,361	4,322	4,770,827

* Amended after planting operations completed.

† Not available.

The above production figures represent the weight of leaf purchased from growers before redrying. Flue-cured leaf accounted for 96·2 per cent, and air-dried leaf for 3·8 per cent. of the 1947-48 crop.

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