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**Tobacco Grower Registration:**

The maximum area to be considered for registration per individual grower with support of curing facility (barn) in different soil regions for the year 2007-08 in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka is as follows:

Soil Region	Crop size fixed (M.Kgs.)	Area to be regd. per individual grower with curing facility(ha)	Quota per barn (in Kgs.)	Maximum area to be registered per individual grower (in ha.)	Maximum no. of curing units (Barns of standard size) permitted per grower
N.L.S	43.32	1.9	4235	7.6	4
E.L.S					4
S.L.S	57.52	4	4290	16	4
S.B.S	40.85	1.9	3500	3.8	2
N/CBS	16.01	1.2	2500	2.4	2
K.L.S	95	1.3	1675	5.2	4 (Simplex barns)

During the year 2007-08, in Karnataka, 56514 barns were licensed and 40740 growers were registered to cultivate tobacco in 73470 hectares and to produce the authorize crop as per quota allotted. Similarly in Andhra Pradesh 39955 barns were licensed and 46192 growers were registered to cultivate tobacco in 100540 hectares and to authorize crop as per quota allotted.

**Registration of Trade**

**The Registration/Renewal of Registration granted to different categories of traders for the year 2007 and for the year 2008 are as detailed below:**

S.No	Category	No. of Companies Registered	
		2007	2008 (as on 31-03-08)
1	Processor of Virginia Tobacco	9	8
2	Manufacturer of Virginia Tobacco	29	24
3	Exporter of tobacco	150	134
4	Exporter of tobacco products	249	208
5	Dealer in tobacco	527	504
6	Packer of tobacco	32	33
7	Commercial grader of Virginia tobacco	86	69
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1082</b>	<b>980</b>

19 Exporters of un-manufactured tobacco and products were issued Registration - cum - Membership Certificate (RCMC) during 2007-08 to facilitate them to get benefits / incentives from various Government authorities.