

AGRICULTURE (TOBACCO GROWING) RULES, 1991

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1. ~~These Rules may be cited as the Agriculture (Tobacco Growing) Rules, 1991.~~
2. In these Rules—
 - “**farmer**” means a farmer who grows tobacco for the purpose of sale;
 - “**region**” means the tobacco growing region set out in the Schedule.
3. The tobacco growing periods specified in the Schedule are hereby declared to be the earliest and the latest growing dates for the regions to which they apply.
 - (1) The closed seasons specified in the Schedule are hereby declared to be closed seasons for the regions to which they apply.
 - (2) No farmer in any region shall grow tobacco during the closed season.
5. A farmer shall adhere strictly to the specified growing periods and closed seasons applicable to his region.
6. A registered company involved in promoting the growing of tobacco shall ensure that farmers contracted by it adhere to sound production programmes designed to allow for the periods set out in the Schedule.
7. Any person who contravenes any of these Rules shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding five thousand shillings.

SCHEDULE TOBACCO GROWING PERIODS

Province	Region/District	Earliest Tobacco Growing Date (Opening Seedbeds)	Latest Tobacco Growing Date Uprooting of Crop Residues in the Field	Closed Season
Nyanza	S/Nyanza	15th November	31st July	1st August to 14th November
	Siaya	15th November	31st August	1st September to 14th November
Western	Bungoma	15th November	31st August	1st September to 14th November
	Busia	15th November	31st August	1st September to 14th November
Central	Kirinyaga	15th July	31st May	1st June to 14th July
	Murang'a	15th July	31st May	
Eastern	Meru	15th July	31st May	1st June to 14th July
	Embu	15th July	31st May	1st June to 14th July
	Kitui	15th July	31st June	16th June to 14th July