

TOBACCO



Section 7 Maryland Tobacco

General Considerations

Check catalog for number of hands, leaves per hand; for stick tobacco - number of plants per stick. Leaves in hands should be pressed but not ironed unless otherwise specified in the catalog.

Selection of Specimens

Hand Samples

Color: (F) Cherry red considered best (refers to the color of cherry wood), (L) Tan colors second choice

Body: Thin body desired, but difficult to prepare as a show sample

Uniformity: All leaves should be uniform in size and color

Insect damaged, bruised and/or torn leaves should be avoided

Midribs should be totally dry in "new crop" samples - no fat stems

No mold should be present on midribs of "old crop" samples

Stick Samples

Samples should be almost totally cured - no green or totally yellow leaves

Plants used should be uniform in size, with all stalks speared at the same location

Avoid insect damaged, bruised or torn specimens

Make the stick look neat

Color: (F) Cherry red considered best (refers to the color of cherry wood), (L) Tan colors second choice

Body: Thin body is desired, but may be more difficult to exhibit