

# Tobacco Board meet deferred

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The Tobacco Board meeting, which was to be held on August 5, has been deferred to August 18. The Board meet assume significance as it is supposed to decide the size of the crop for the 2020-21 season in Andhra Pradesh.

The Board regulates the size of the crop in order to keep tabs on unauthorised sowing and conducts auctions where tobacco companies and traders bid at the specially earmarked auction platforms. With Covid-19 hitting post-harvest operations, some tobacco farmers wanted the Board to put off the meeting for two-three weeks.

They wanted the Board to reduce the crop size this year as they found it difficult to sell the produce from the last season.