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Only 1.68 lakh kg of Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco variety have been marketed at the end of third day of tobacco auctions at various platforms in Karnataka.

Of the quantity marketed, bright grades comprised 52.49 per cent and traded at an average price of Rs 124.97 a kg. Medium grades comprised 44.71 per cent traded at an average price of Rs 108.49 a kg and low grades comprised the rest traded at an average price of Rs 72.24 a kg.

Arrivals are yet to take-off at the auction platforms. Currently, arrivals are in the range of 700-800 bales as against 1,000-1,500 bales reported in the same period last year:



"The reason attributed for low arrivals is due to flat prices witnessed at various auctions platforms in the last two days," said T. Vikramraj Urs, Secretary, Karnataka Tobacco Growers' Forum, Periyapatna.

"Also, auction is still going on in Andhra Pradesh. Due to this, only six buyers are active in Karnataka market as against a full strength of 20-25 buyers," he added. »**More on the Web:**  
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