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Two experiments with Virginia cigarette tobacco, variety Dixie Bright 101, were carried out but unfortunately both were unsuccessful. The major factor causing these failures was the severe intensity of the 1959 dry season and the lack of any irrigating equipment.

The economics of growing tobacco in Trinidad were studied by growing and costing approximately one and one-third acres of crop. From the results obtained it appears that the cost of production and curing of one acre of tobacco is about \$500 B.W.I. and a yield of about eight hundred pounds of saleable cured leaf would cover this cost (assuming seventy cents per pound). The yield actually obtained fell well below this figure and the possible reasons for this are discussed in part III of this report.

It appears from the work done on flue-cured tobacco at Imperial College during the academic year 1958/59 that the choice of season is perhaps erroneous and should possibly begin four weeks earlier, that is early November transplanting instead of mid-December.

Some recommendations for the future production of tobacco at Imperial College are given in part III.