

TOBACCO PRESENTATION

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Part I - Tobacco in Cultural Context
Part II - Personal Tobacco Home
Cultivation
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Part I Cultural Context

The Complex Relationship Between Humans and Tobacco



My lifelong interest in tobacco.



Native Species of Tobacco and Their Geographical Range





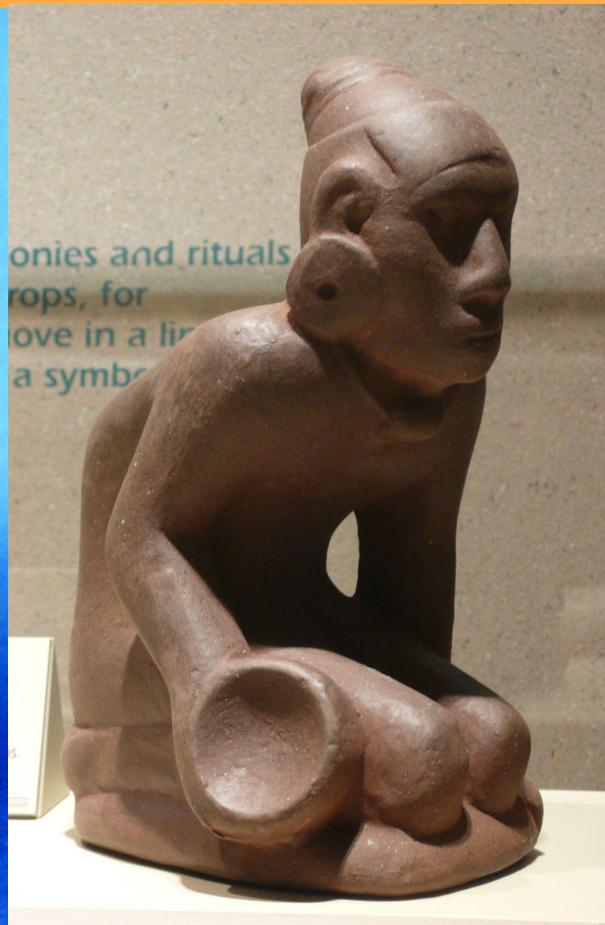
Archaic Tobacco Use



Agricultural Lifestyles and the Beginning of Tobacco Culture



Mississippian Effigy Pipes



Traditional Native Uses of Tobacco

1. Pipe Ceremonies

The Pipe Ceremony is typically held at the beginning of a large gathering, event, or even negotiation, and is an important ritual for building communal/interpersonal strength. Most Pipe Ceremonies include an offering of the pipe smoke to all four directions, to the sky, and to the Earth in acknowledgment of the four elements.

Each person in attendance takes their turn to either blow smoke from the sacred pipe, or waft it around their body in order to ask for guidance and protection. Importantly, tobacco smoke is typically not inhaled during the Pipe Ceremony.

2. Non-Smoke Offerings

Traditional dried tobacco leaves are commonly offered to the Creator in dry, unaltered form. Tobacco leaves may be placed on the ground, sprinkled near water, or placed on a rock as a way of expressing gratitude. The offering of dry tobacco leaves is also common in sacred places and is often accompanied by a prayer.

3. Smoke Rituals

The most common traditional use of tobacco sacred medicine is in smoke rituals, but that doesn't always have to include a sacred pipe. Tobacco can be sprinkled over a fire or placed on hot coals. The smoke produced is said to be a direct connection to the Creator, and can also be used as a means of cleansing people and objects.

4. Gifting to An Elder

Another common traditional use of sacred tobacco is as a gift or offering in thanks to an elder, spiritual leader, or person of medicine. Tobacco is offered in exchange for knowledge, wisdom, guidance, or even in exchange for other medicines or healing. In the Indigenous culture, the offering and acceptance of tobacco is considered a binding contract.

5. In Thanks for Sacred Medicines

Along with tobacco, there are other sacred medicines, all of which were gifted to us by the Creator and by Mother Earth. **When harvesting sacred medicines**, Indigenous people will often leave small piles or sprinklings of tobacco as an offering of thanks to the Creator and Mother Earth for the cedar, sage, sweetgrass and other plants.

Jamestown and the European Approach to Tobacco



Colonialism, Slavery and Genocide



Taxes, Allotments and Sharecropping







Improving the Product and Selling Death



It's one of the busiest men in town. While his *doze may say Office Hours 7 to 4*, he's actually on call 24 hours a day.

The doctor is a scientist, a diplomat, and a friendly sympathetic human being all in one, no matter how long and hard his schedule.

According to a recent Nationwide survey:

MORE DOCTORS SMOKE CAMELS THAN ANY OTHER CIGARETTE

DOCTORS (every branch of medicine)—113,972 in all—were queried in the nationwide study of cigarette preference. These leading research organizations made the survey. The gist of the query was—What cigarette do you smoke? (Doctor?)

The brand named was *Camel*!

The rich, full flavor and cool mildness of Camel's superb blend of choice tobacco seem to have the same appeal to the smoking tastes of doctors as to millions of other smokers. If you are a Camel smoker, this preference among doctors will hardly surprise you. If you're not—well, try Camels now.

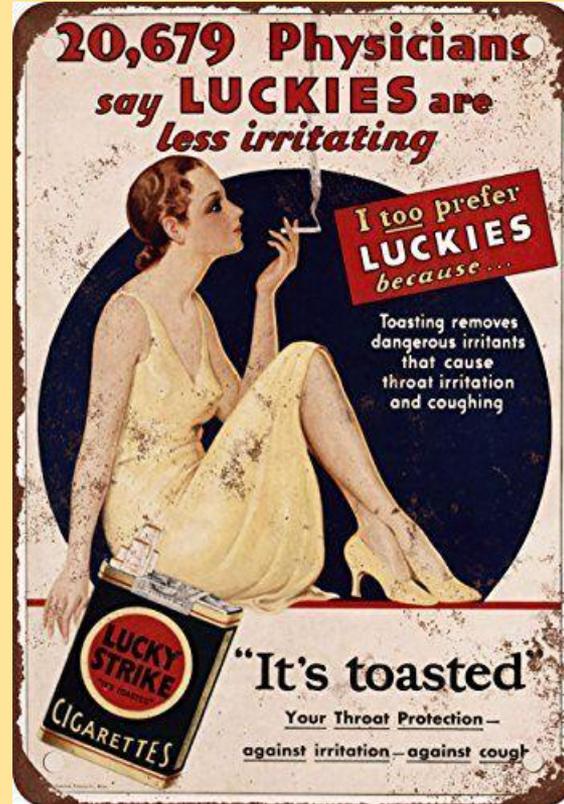
Your "I-Zone" Will Tell You...

I for Taste...
I for Throat...

That's your grating ground for any cigarette. See if Camels don't sell your "I-Zone" to a "C."

CAMELS Costlier Tobaccos

20,679 Physicians say LUCKIES are less irritating



I too prefer LUCKIES because...

Toasting removes dangerous irritants that cause throat irritation and coughing

"It's toasted"

Your Throat Protection—
against irritation—against cough



The doctor quoted here has been quoted and cited in the LUCKY STRIKE "I-Zone" Survey. THE "I-ZONE" SURVEY documents and defines.

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Candy Cigarettes



Capitalism and Control No Room for the Sacred



effectiveness without harming the crops or the surrounding environment.

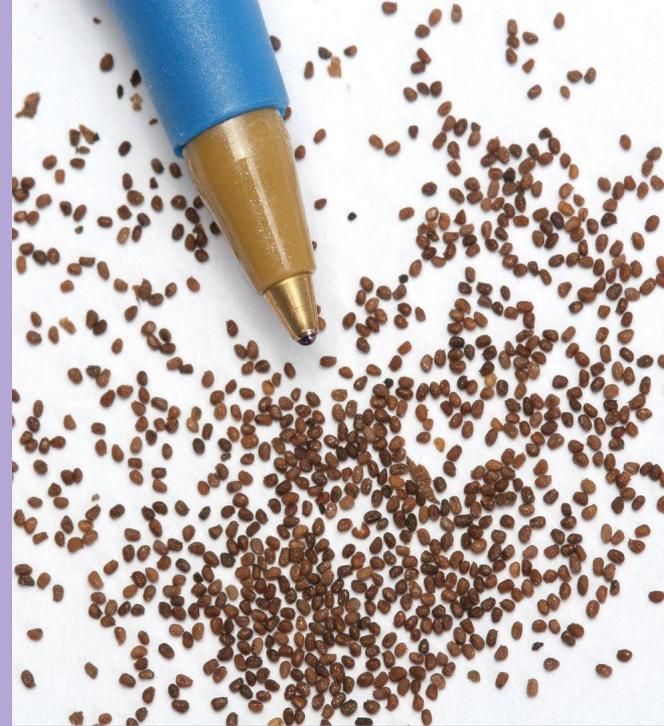
Part II - Growing Tobacco



Find a Place for Your Garden



Start the Seeds



Prepare the Garden





Prepare Seedlings, Pots and Nursery Area



Transfer Seedlings into 4" Pots



Transplant Day



Fertilizer, Cultivation and Pests



Tomato Hornworm (*Manduca quinquemaculatus*)



Tobacco Hornworm (*Manduca sexta*)



Dangers to Your Tobacco Crop



Harvesting Homegrown Tobacco

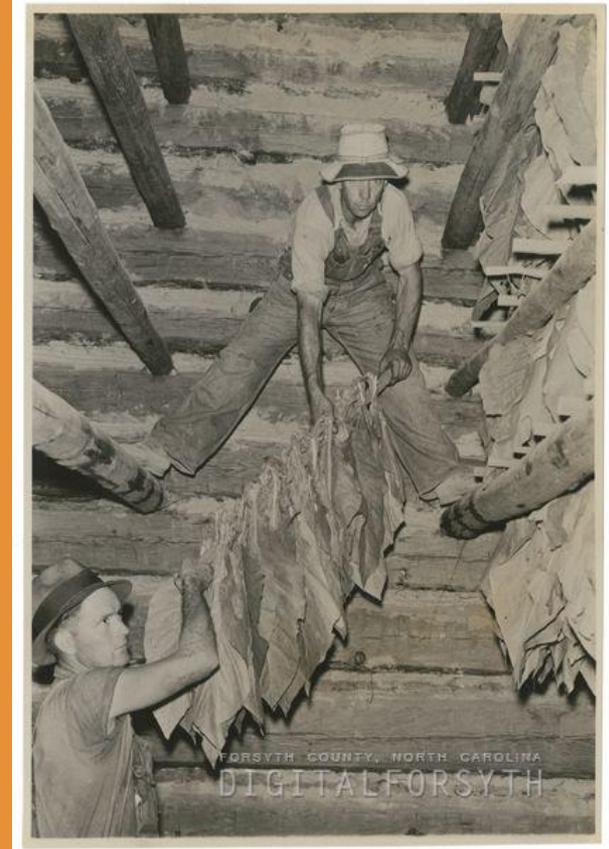




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Drying, Curing and Storing Your Tobacco Harvest



Airtight Storage Containers

