North Carolina

Burley tobacco is primarily grown and harvested in Asheville and surrounding areas. Golden Leaf tobacco is grown in the eastern part of the state, primarily in Wilson.

Counties such as Surry, Wilson, and Edgecombe have tobacco curing plants. Owners of curing facilities try to innovate new ways to cure tobacco more efficiently.

International buyers from places like South America, Asia, Turkey, and China. Warehouses and Auction houses can be found in Wilson, Asheville, and most Eastern parts of the state.

Nash County - Universal Leaf Tobacco Co. started high tech tobacco processing plant. Spent $130 million to upgrade plants, like one in Rocky Mount, in 2001.

Three largest companies in US (Philip Morris, Reynolds American, Lorillard) maintain production facilities in NC (Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Concord).

Philip Morris has a facility in Carrabas County where its packaging process occurs. Also invests a lot of money to protect jobs and modernize manufacturing.