

## MEMO

To: Agents in Tobacco Growing Counties  
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Re: Blue Mold Alert - High Risk for Northeast Tennessee

The blue mold forecast group at NCSU has issued the forecast below for today and tomorrow. Tobacco more than a week away from topping in northeast TN, northwest NC and southwest VA should be closely monitored and have a protectant fungicide applied.

The forecast for today and tomorrow:

**TN / NC / VA sources:** Transport events move generally northeast from all of these sources both days. Favorable weather will occur in the mountains; unfavorable conditions are expected east of the mountains. **Tuesday ... Strongly Moderate Risk for tobacco in northeast TN and extreme southwest VA. Wednesday ... HIGH Risk for northeast TN and extreme southwest VA. Moderate Risk for northwest NC and southwest VA. Weakly Moderate Risk for north-central and northeast NC, south-central and southeast VA. Low Risk otherwise.**