

While no method has been found for bringing tobacco into case which gives, altogether, as satisfactory results as a natural casing season steam has been found to be a fairly satisfactory substitute.

In bringing the tobacco into case by this method it is necessary to have the kiln absolutely cold; *i.e.* all heat generated during the curing process must be disposed of. Then steam at a low pressure, not over twenty-five pounds, is carried into the kiln through a hose or pipe. By moving the hose from place to place the whole kiln is brought into case. Care must be taken in this procedure to prevent getting the tobacco too high into case. It should be steamed only until the leaf is pliant enough to handle without breaking. To steam until the whole midrib is pliant would be running a chance of turning the whole leaf red. As soon as the tobacco can be handled without breaking it should be taken down as it will dry out very fast when it has been steamed into case.

Tobacco can also be brought into case for stripping by the above procedure.