

TOBACCO AROUND THE WORLD

- Tobacco kills about 5 million people worldwide each year.
- Almost 96% of cigarette sales are generated outside of the USA.
- Brazil grows the most tobacco in the world.
- The land used in Asia to produce tobacco could provide food for 10-20 million people.
- Tobacco is the most widely grown plant in Malawi (a country in Africa), which makes the economy dependent on tobacco and has caused famine.
- In Mexico, an Indian tribe called the Huicholes has been almost completely destroyed because of working in tobacco fields and being exposed to harmful pesticides.
- About 65% of young men (ages 18-24) in Russia smoke.
- In Poland, about 50% of teens said they had been offered free cigarettes by tobacco company representatives.
- In South America the smoking rate of men is 50%.
- There are about 2.5 million tobacco growers in the country of Turkey.
- It is predicted that by the year 2030, tobacco will kill 10 million people worldwide every year.

Sources: www.globalissues.org, www.tobaccofreekids.org, www.bigtabaccosucks.org