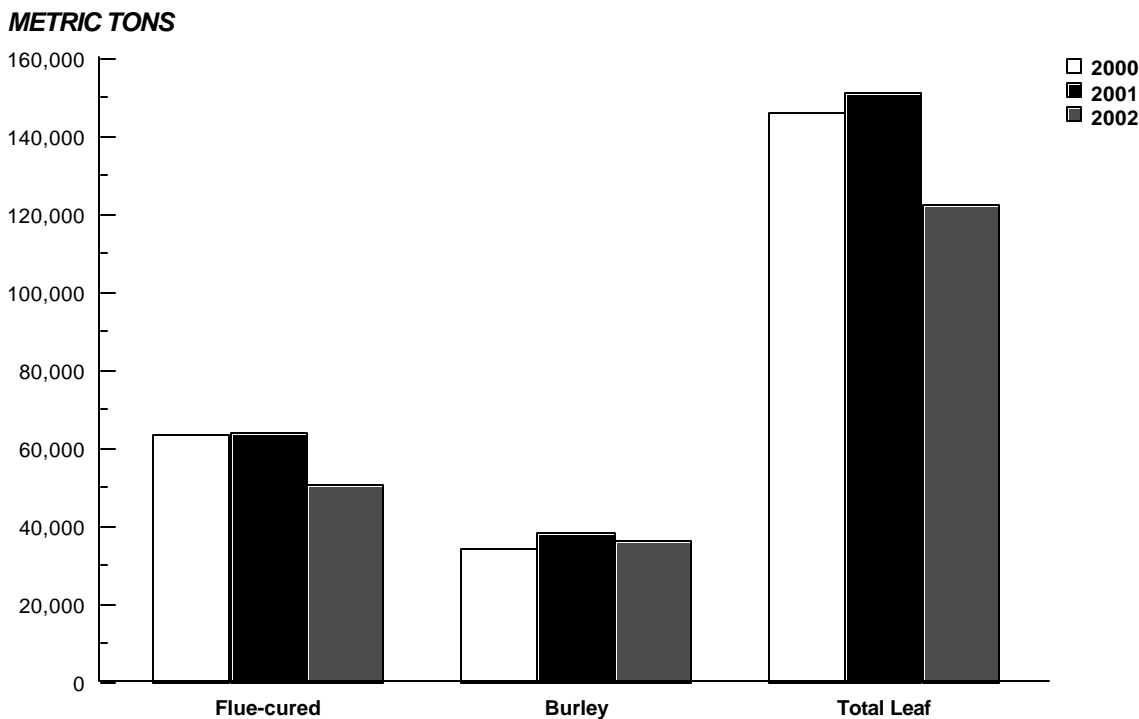




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U.S. Unmanufactured Tobacco Exports January Through October



U.S. leaf exports so far in 2002 (January-October) totaled 122,326 metric tons, down 17 percent from the same period last year. Flue-cured shipments so far totaled 50,859 tons as compared to 64,154 tons last year, while burley exports are down by 4 percent to 36,264 tons. Calendar year exports are projected down at least 15 percent by year end as higher U.S. leaf prices continue to erode foreign demand. Total 2002 exports are forecast to end the year at 163,000 tons, down from 186,300 tons in CY 2001.