



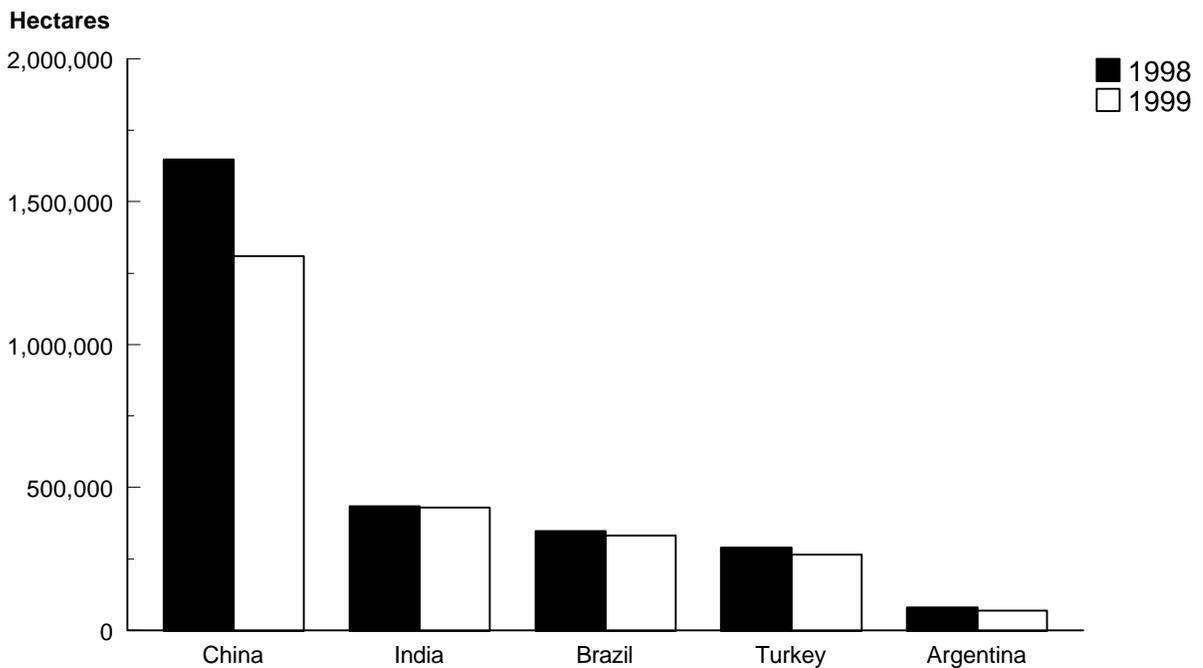
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## Tobacco Area Planted for Selected Countries



China's area planted to tobacco is forecast to decrease by 20 percent in 1999 in order to decrease stock levels. Argentine tobacco area is forecast down 13 percent in 1999 while Turkey's area planted down by 8.5 percent. Depressed world leaf prices caused by a global over-supply situation is a main reason for the lower area planted to tobacco.