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On a cacao plantation in Barlovento, Venezuela, a visitor flips cacao seeds with a rake. Flipping the seeds helps them dry evenly as they lie in the sun. The seeds come from the cacao tree (*Theobroma Cacao*), which is native to tropical Central and South America. Drying is one of the many steps that turns the cacao seeds into cocoa. The dried seeds will later be roasted, peeled, and ground.



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