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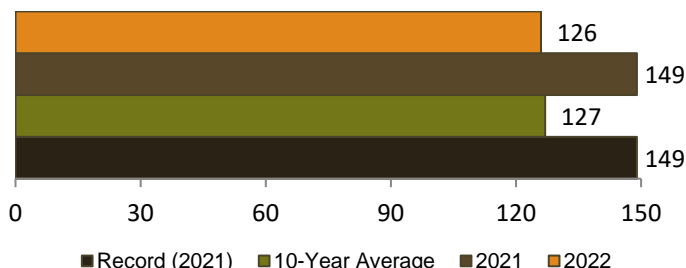
2022 CROP SUMMARY – RECORD YIELDS

“The year of 2022 closed with a record yield for cotton and a peanut yield tied with the previous record set in 2019,” said Dee Webb, North Carolina State Statistician. “As always, we want to thank the NC farmers for taking the time to complete USDA/NASS surveys throughout the year. It is vital during these times to have quality and reliable agricultural data available to assist NC farmers, agricultural organizations, and industry experts with their decision making and forecasts.”

Corn for Grain

- North Carolina farmers harvested 785,000 acres of corn for grain in 2022, down 120,000 acres from 2021.
- Yield averaged 126 bushels per acre, down 23 bushels from the 149 bushels per acre averaged in 2021.
- Production at 98.9 million bushels was 27% lower than the 2021 total of 134.8 million bushels.

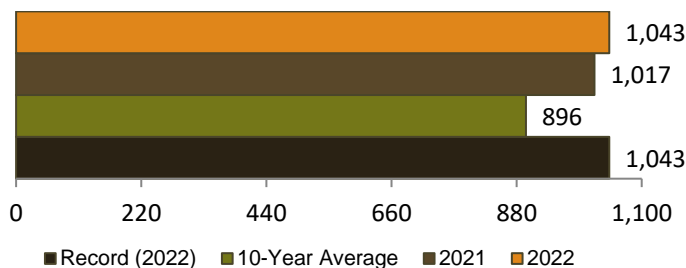
Corn for Grain Yield - (Bushels)



Cotton

- Cotton acres harvested in 2022 totaled 460,000, up 95,000 acres from the 365,000 harvested in 2021.
- Yield averaged 1043 pounds per acre, up 26 pounds per acre from last year.
- Production at 1,000,000 bales was up 29% from the 773,000 bales produced in 2021.

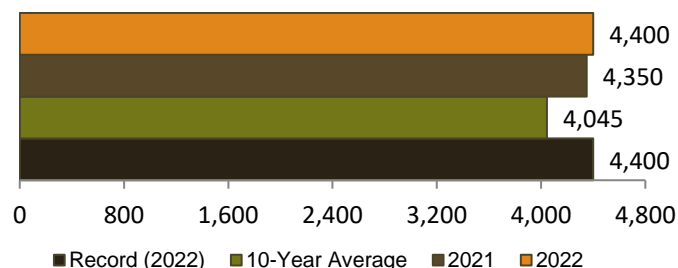
Upland Cotton Yield - (Pounds)



Peanuts

- North Carolina farmers harvested 116,000 acres of peanuts in 2022, 2,000 acres higher than the 114,000 acres harvested in 2021.
- Yield per acre at 4,400 pounds was up 50 pounds from the 2021 estimate.
- Production at 510 million pounds was up 3% from 496 million pounds of peanuts produced in 2021.

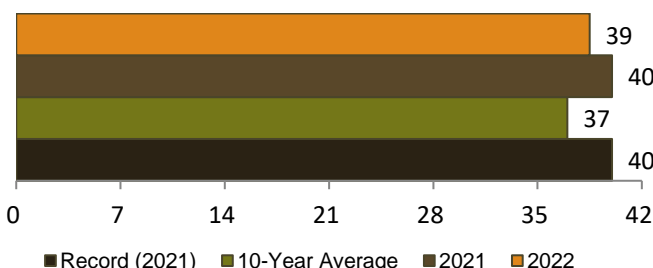
Peanut Yield - (Pounds)



Soybeans

- Soybean acres harvested in 2022 totaled 1.69 million. This was up 50,000 acres from the 1.64 million acres harvested in 2021.
- Yield averaged 39 bushels per acre. Down 1 bushel per acre from the 2021 average.
- Production totaled 65 million bushels, down 1% from last year's production of 66 million bushels.

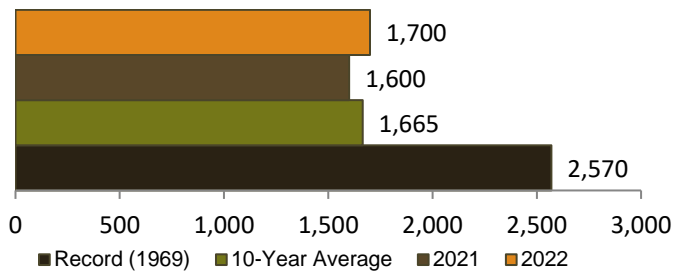
Soybean Yield - (Bushels)



Burley Tobacco

- North Carolina farmers harvested 160 acres of burley tobacco in 2022, down 40 acres from last year.
- Yield averaged 1,700 pounds per acre, down from the 1,600 pounds per acre averaged in 2021.
- Production at 272,000 pounds was down 15% from last year's production at 320,000 pounds

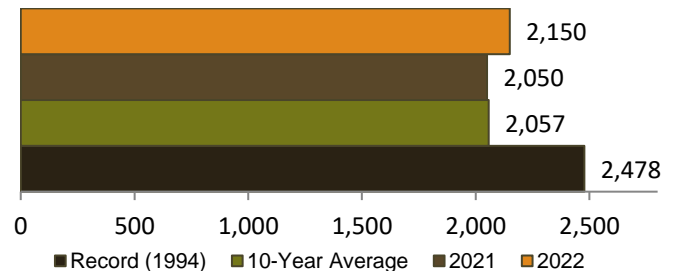
Burley Tobacco Yield - (Pounds)



Flue-cured Tobacco

- North Carolina farmers harvested 116,000 acres of flue-cured tobacco in 2022, down 3,000 acres from last year.
- Yield averaged 2,150 pounds per acre, up from the 2,050 pounds per acre averaged in 2021.
- Production at 249 million pounds up 2% from last year's production at 244 million pounds

Flue-cured Tobacco Yield - (Pounds)



NORTH CAROLINA CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION

Crops ¹	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production		Percent Change
		2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	
		<i>(Thousands)</i>		<i>(Thousands)</i>				<i>(Thousands)</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Barley	Bu.	13	16	7	11	70	69	490	759	+55
Corn for Grain ²	Bu.	960	830	905	785	149	126	134,845	98,910	-27
Corn for Silage	Ton			35	30	18	14	630	420	-33
Cotton: Upland ³	Lb.	375	470	365	460	1,017	1,043	773	1,000	+29
Hay: All	Ton			683	656	2.1	2.2	1,440	1,448	+1
Hay: Alfalfa ⁴	Ton			8	6	2.8	3.0	22	18	-18
Hay: Other	Ton			675	650	2.1	2.2	1,418	1,430	+1
Oats	Bu.	33	40	14	11	68	77	952	847	-11
Peanuts	Lb.	115	117	114	116	4,350	4,400	495,900	510,400	+3
Soybeans for Beans	Bu.	1,650	1,700	1,640	1,690	40	39	65,600	65,065	-1
Tobacco: All	Lb.			119.2	116.2	2,049	2,149	244,270	249,672	+2
Tobacco: Flue-Cured	Lb.			119.0	116.0	2,050	2,150	243,950	249,400	+2
Tobacco: Burley	Lb.			0.2	0.2	1,600	1,700	320	272	-15
Wheat: Winter	Bu.	450	480	345	375	56	64	19,320	24,000	+24

¹ 2021 Revised. ² Planted for all purposes. ³ Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. ⁴ Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures.

Winter Wheat Seedings - (Thousand Acres)

