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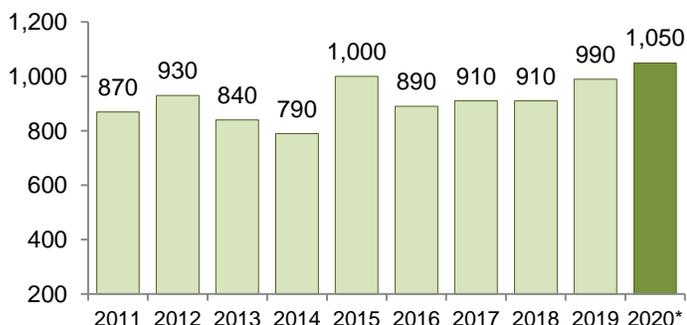
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NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS INTEND TO PLANT MORE CORN, LESS SOYBEANS IN 2020*

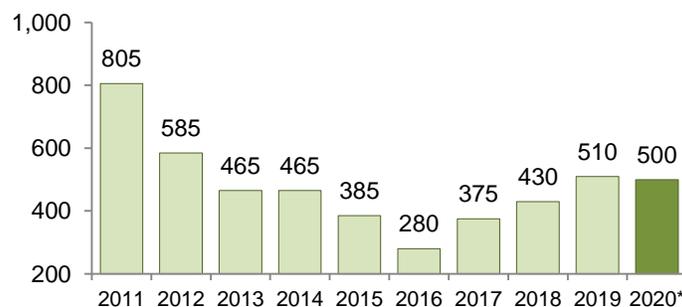
“Today’s USDA *Prospective Plantings* report is the first survey-based estimates of North Carolina farmers’ planting intentions for 2020,” said Dee Webb, North Carolina State Statistician. “Conducted during the first two weeks of March, the March Agricultural Survey provided the factual data required to create these projections. Over the coming months, North Carolina farmers will be contacted again to verify or update their planted acreage, and provide more detail on their expectations for harvested acreage, yield and production of North Carolina’s crops. We encourage all of our farmers to participate in the survey process, specifically utilizing our secure, online data reporting options whenever possible.”

- ◆ **Corn** plantings are expected to total 1,050,000 acres in 2020, up 6% from 2019.
- ◆ **Cotton** growers intend to plant 500,000 acres in 2020, down 2% from last year.
- ◆ **Flue-cured tobacco** growers expect to harvest 100,000 acres in 2020, down 15% from 2019.
- ◆ **Soybean** plantings, expected to total 1,480 acres in 2020, down 4% from 2019.
- ◆ **Peanut** growers intend to plant 105,000 acres in 2020, up 1% from 2019.
- ◆ **Winter wheat** plantings totaled 480,000 acres, up 66% from last year.

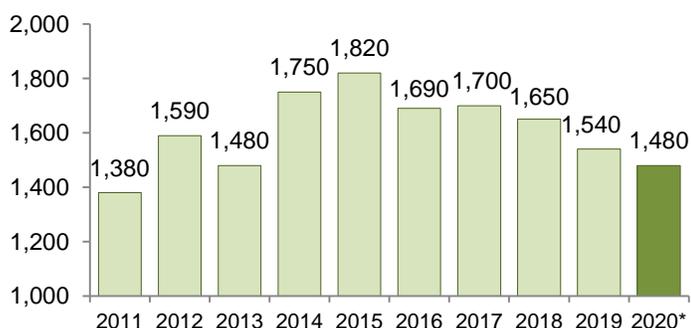
NC Corn Plantings - (Thousand Acres)



NC Cotton Plantings - (Thousand Acres)



NC Soybean Plantings - (Thousand Acres)



NC Peanut Plantings - (Thousand Acres)

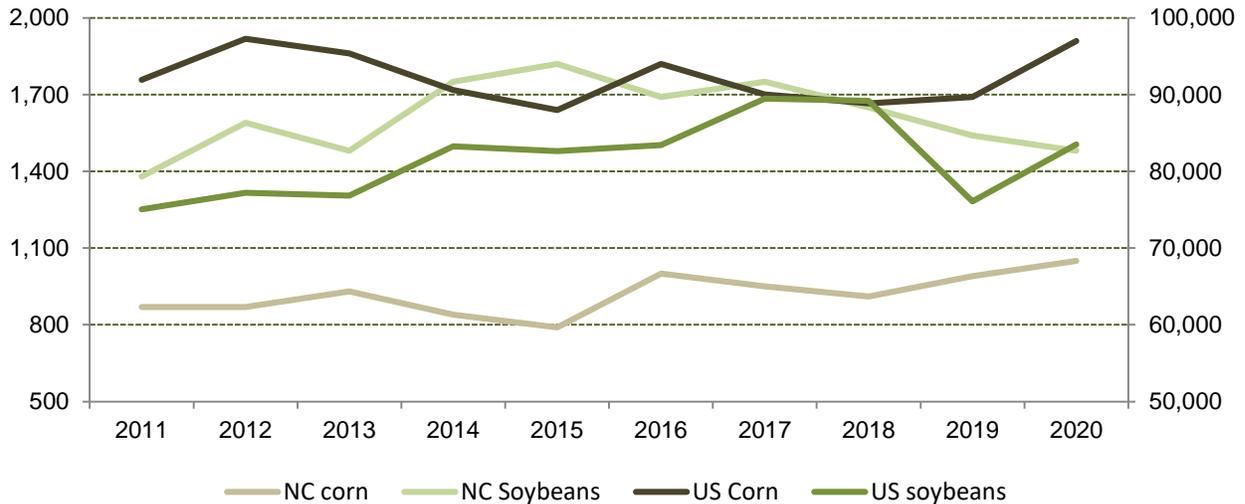


*Planting intentions as of March 1. Actual plantings may change based on weather, input costs, commodity prices, etc. and will be reflected in the Acreage report released June 30.

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS						
Crops	North Carolina			United States		
	2019	2020	Percent	2019	2020	Percent
	Intentions		Change	Intentions		Change
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>+/-</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Barley	11	15	+36	2,721	2,921	+7
Corn: All	990	1,050	+6	89,700	96,990	+8
Cotton: Upland ²	510	500	-2	13,738	13,703	-0
Hay: All ³	816	825	+1	52,425	53,283	2
Oats ¹	22	28	+27	2,810	3,012	+7
Peanuts	104	105	+1	1,428	1,529	+7
Soybeans	1,540	1,480	-4	76,100	83,510	+10
Tobacco: Burley ³	0.4	0.3	-25	48.6	44.5	-8
Tobacco: Flue-cured ³	117.0	100.0	-15	149.3	130.5	-13
Wheat: Winter ¹⁴	290	480	+66	45,158	44,655	-1

¹ Includes acreage planted in preceeding fall. ² U.S. includes Upland and American-Pima cotton. ³ Data for hay and tobacco represent harvested acres. ⁴ U.S. includes Winter, Durum and Other Spring wheat.

Corn and Soybean Planted Acres - North Carolina and US
(Thousands)



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