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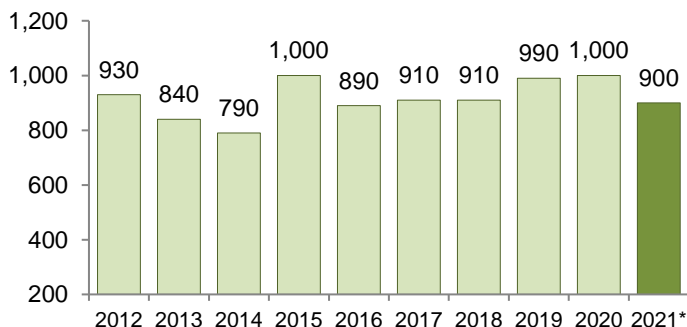
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NORTH CAROLINA 2021 PLANTING INTENTIONS UP FOR COTTON, PEANUTS, & SOYBEANS

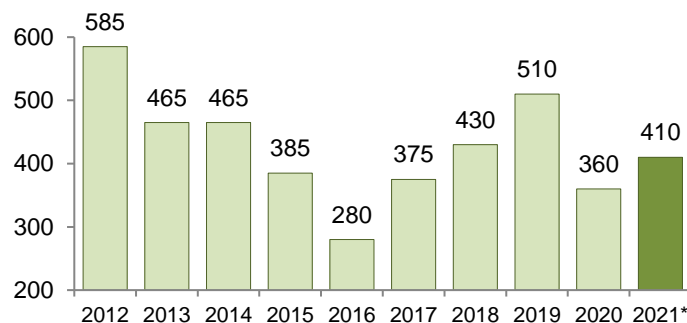
“Today’s USDA *Prospective Plantings* report is the first survey-based estimates of North Carolina farmers’ planting intentions for 2021,” said Dee Webb, North Carolina State Statistician. “The March Agricultural Survey conducted during the first two weeks of March provides the factual data required 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 900,000 acres in 2021, down 10% from 2020.
- ◆ **Cotton** growers intend to plant 410,000 acres in 2021, up 14% from last year.
- ◆ **Flue-cured tobacco** growers expect to harvest 102,000 acres in 2021, unchanged from 2020.
- ◆ **Soybean** plantings, expected to total 1,650 acres in 2021, up 3% from 2020.
- ◆ **Peanut** growers intend to plant 110,000 acres in 2021, up 2% from 2020.
- ◆ **Winter wheat** plantings totaled 450,000 acres unchanged from last year.

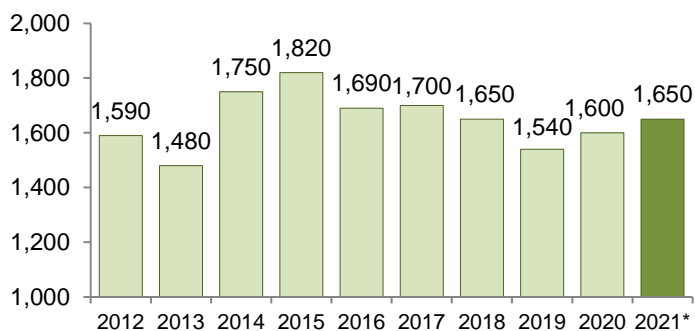
NC Corn Plantings - (Thousand Acres)



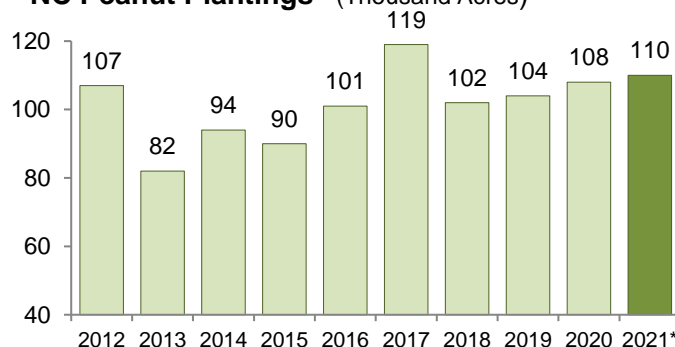
NC Cotton Plantings - (Thousand Acres)



NC Soybean Plantings - (Thousand Acres)



NC Peanut Plantings - (Thousand Acres)

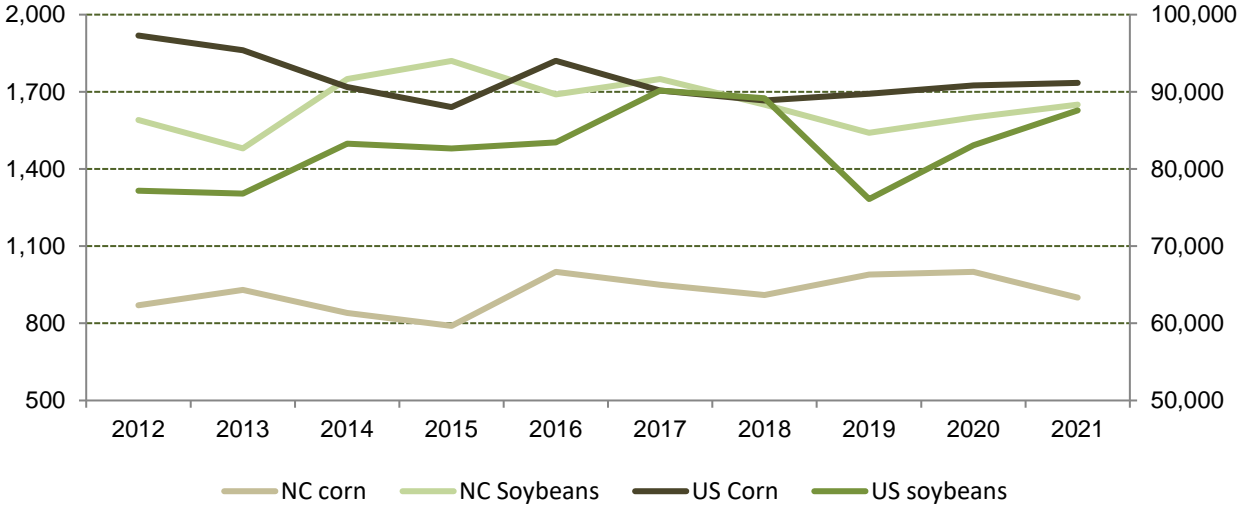


*Planting intentions as of March 1. Actual plantings may change based on weather, input costs, commodity prices, etc. and will be reflected in the Acreage report released June 30.

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS						
Crops	North Carolina			United States		
	2020	2021	Percent	2020	2021	Percent
	Intentions		Change	Intentions		Change
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>+/-</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Barley	14	14	0	2,621	2,590	-1
Corn: All	1,000	900	-10	90,819	91,144	0
Cotton: Upland	360	410	+14	11,890	11,894	0
Hay: All ²	665	655	-2	52,238	51,714	-1
Oats ¹	37	38	+3	2,984	2,488	-17
Peanuts	108	110	+2	1,664	1,626	-2
Soybeans	1,600	1,650	+3	83,084	87,600	+5
Tobacco: Burley ²	0.31	0.29	-6	43.3	40.9	-6
Tobacco: Flue-cured ²	102.0	102.0	0	127.9	127.5	0
Wheat: Winter ¹	450	450	0	30,415	33,078	+9

¹ Includes acreage planted in preceeding fall. ²Data for hay and tobacco represent harvested acres.

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



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