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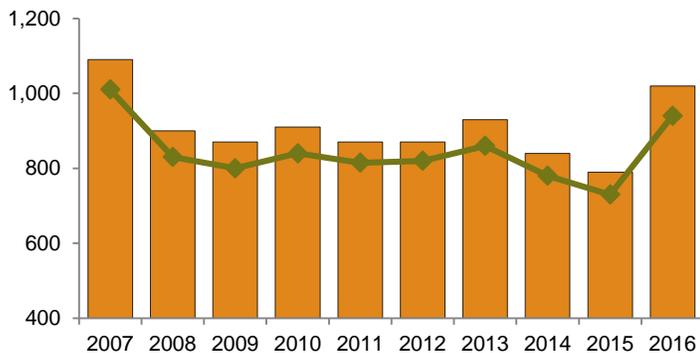
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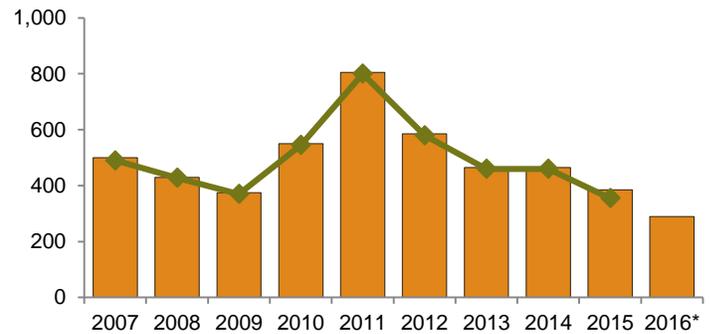
N.C. FARMERS TO PLANT MORE CORN, SWEET POTATOES, LESS COTTON AND SOYBEANS

- ◆ **Corn** plantings are expected to total 1,020,000 acres in 2016, up 29% from 2015.
- ◆ **Cotton** growers intend to plant 290,000 acres in 2016, down 25% from last year.
- ◆ **Flue-cured tobacco** growers expect to harvest 160,000 acres in 2016, down 12,000 acres from 2015.
- ◆ **Burley tobacco** growers expect to harvest 900 acres in 2016, down 100 acres from last year.
- ◆ **Soybean** plantings, at 1.63 million acres, are expected to decrease 10% from 2015.
- ◆ **Peanut** growers intend to plant 80,000 acres in 2016, down 11% from the planted acreage in 2015.
- ◆ **Sweet potato** growers intend to plant a record 96,000 acres, 9,000 more acres than last year's record.
- ◆ **Hay** producers expect to cut 799,000 acres in 2016, up 3% from 2015.
- ◆ **Winter wheat** plantings totaled 480,000 acres, down 23% from last year.

Corn for Grain - (Thousand Acres)



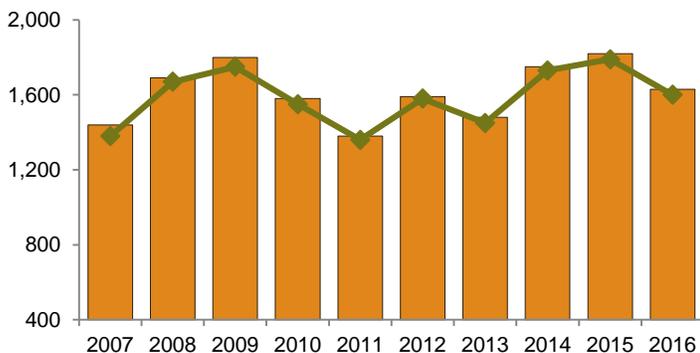
Upland Cotton - (Thousand Acres)



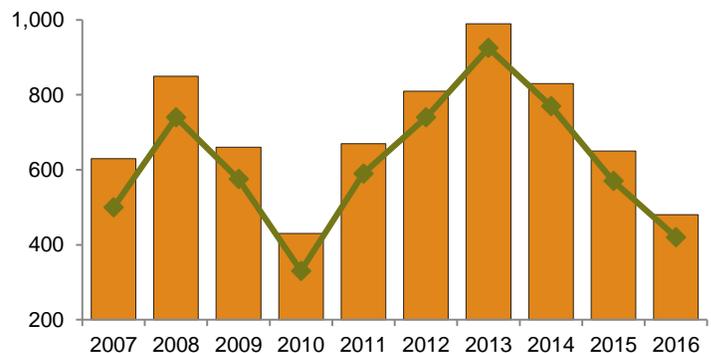
* Harvested Acres released on August 12, 2016

Planted Harvested

Soybeans- (Thousand Acres)

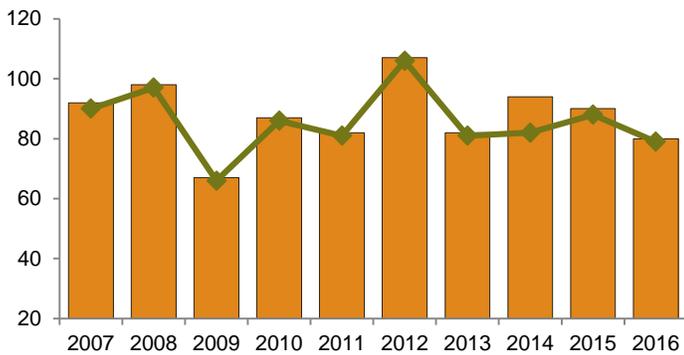


Winter Wheat - (Thousand Acres)

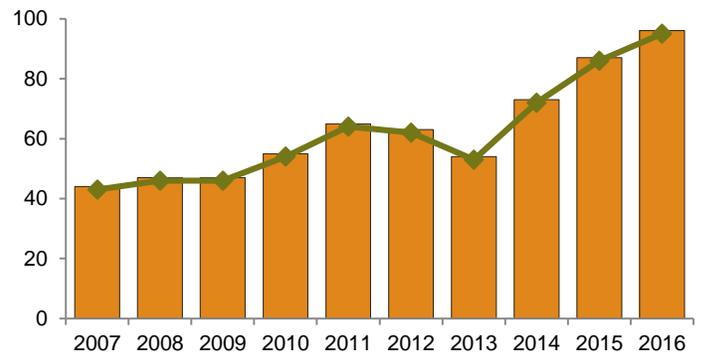


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Peanuts - (Thousand Acres)



Sweet Potatoes- (Thousand Acres)



Planted Harvested

CROP ACREAGES, JUNE 1					
Crops	Planted		Harvested		Planted Percent Change +/-
	2015	2016	2015	2016	
	Thousand Acres		Thousand Acres		
North Carolina					
Barley ¹⁶	19	N/A	14	N/A	N/A
Corn for Grain	790	1,020	730	940	+29
Cotton	385	290	355	²	-25
Hay: All	-	-	777	799	+3
Hay: Alfalfa	-	-	7	9	+29
Hay: Other	-	-	770	790	+3
Oats ¹	35	45	16	15	+29
Peanuts	90	80	88	79	-11
Potatoes ⁴	13.5	12.0	12.7	11.3	-11
Sorghum	N/A	50	N/A	39	N/A
Soybeans	1,820	1,630	1,790	1,600	-10
Sweet Potatoes	87	96	86	95	+10
Tobacco: All	-	-	173.0	160.9	-7
Tobacco: Burley	-	-	1.0	0.9	-10
Tobacco: Flue-cured	-	-	172.0	160.0	-7
Wheat ¹⁵	650	480	570	420	-26
United States					
Barley ¹	3,558	2,967	3,109	2,578	-17
Corn for Grain	87,999	94,148	80,749	86,550	+7
Cotton ³	8,581	10,023	8,075	²	+17
Hay: All	-	-	54,437	56,127	+3
Hay: Alfalfa	-	-	17,778	18,065	+2
Hay: Other	-	-	36,659	38,062	+4
Oats ¹	3,088	3,027	1,276	1,165	-2
Peanuts	1,625	1,563	1,567	1,531	-4
Potatoes ⁴	1,065.2	1,027.2	1,053.3	1,018.4	-4
Sorghum	8,459	7,225	7,851	6,456	-15
Soybeans	82,650	83,688	81,814	83,037	+1
Sweet Potatoes	156.9	164.4	153.1	161.2	+5
Tobacco: All	-	-	328.7	311.2	-5
Tobacco: Burley	-	-	78.9	75.9	-4
Tobacco: Flue-cured	-	-	220.0	209.0	-5
Wheat ¹⁵	54,644	50,816	47,094	44,093	-7

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall. ² Released on August 12, 2016. ³ US includes Upland and American Pima. ⁴ US includes Spring, Summer and Fall Potatoes ⁵ US includes Winter, Durum and Other Spring wheat. ⁶ Discontinued in 2016