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## N.C. FARMERS TO PLANT MORE COTTON, SOYBEANS, TOBACCO AND PEANUTS, LESS CORN

“The USDA’s June Acreage Report released today captures North Carolina farmer’s estimated harvested acres for 2022,” said Dee Webb, North Carolina State Statistician. “We understand North Carolina farmers are dealing with many issues in the agriculture industry and with everything on farmers’ plates this year, we greatly appreciate their time and effort in providing this essential information ensuring a quality report. We thank them for their continued support.”

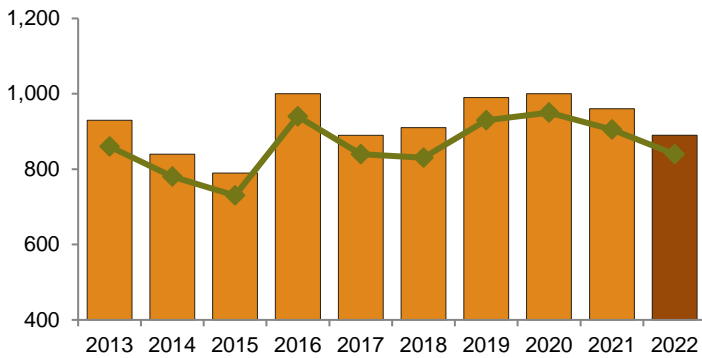
- ◆ **Corn** plantings are expected to total 890,000 acres in 2022, down 7% from 2021.
- ◆ **Cotton** growers intend to plant 450,000 acres in 2022, up 20% from last year.
- ◆ **Flue-cured tobacco** growers expect to harvest 124,000 acres in 2022, up 3% from 2021.
- ◆ **Burley tobacco** growers expect to harvest 250 acres in 2022, down from 300 acres last year.
- ◆ **Soybean** plantings, at 1.8 million acres, up 9% from 2021.
- ◆ **Peanut** growers intend to plant 120,000 acres in 2022, up 4% from the planted acreage in 2021.
- ◆ **Hay** producers expect to cut 655,000 acres in 2022, down 4% from the 2021 estimate.
- ◆ **Winter wheat** plantings totaled 500,000 acres, up 11% from last year.

NORTH CAROLINA CROP ACREAGES, JUNE 1

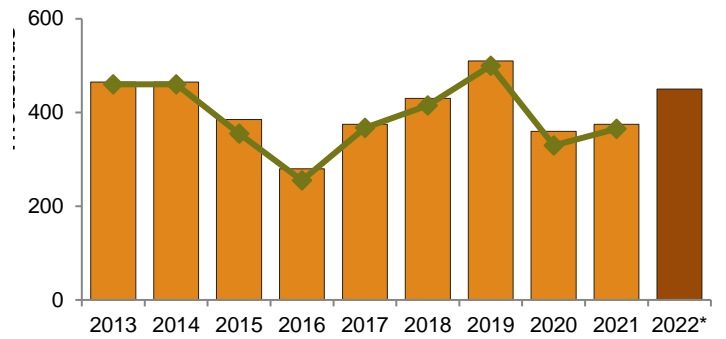
Crops	Planted		Harvested		Percent Change (Planted Acres) +/-
	2021	2022	2021	2022	
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Thousand Acres</i>		
Barley	13	16	7	7	+23
Corn for Grain <sup>1</sup>	960	890	905	840	-7
Cotton	375	450	365	<sup>3</sup>	+20
Hay: All	-	-	683	655	-4
Hay: Alfalfa	-	-	8	5	-38
Hay: Other	-	-	675	650	-4
Oats <sup>2</sup>	33	36	14	14	+9
Peanuts	115	120	114	119	+4
Soybeans	1,650	1,800	1,640	1,790	+9
Tobacco: All	-	-	120.3	124.2	+3
Tobacco: Burley	-	-	0.3	0.2	-20
Tobacco: Flue-cured	-	-	120.0	124.0	+3
Wheat <sup>2</sup>	450	500	345	395	+11

<sup>1</sup> Planted for all purposes. <sup>2</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall. <sup>3</sup> Released on August 12, 2022.

**NC Corn for Grain - (Thousand Acres)**

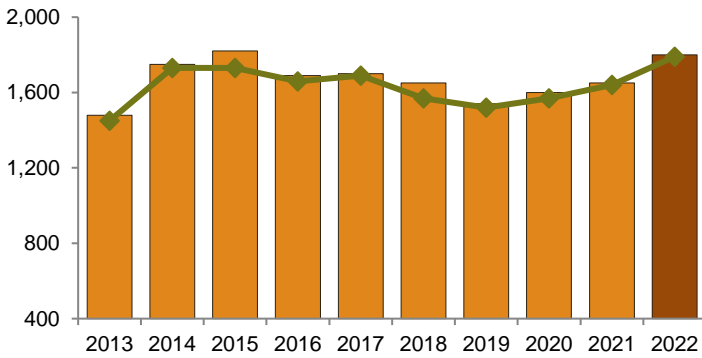


**NC Upland Cotton - (Thousand Acres)**

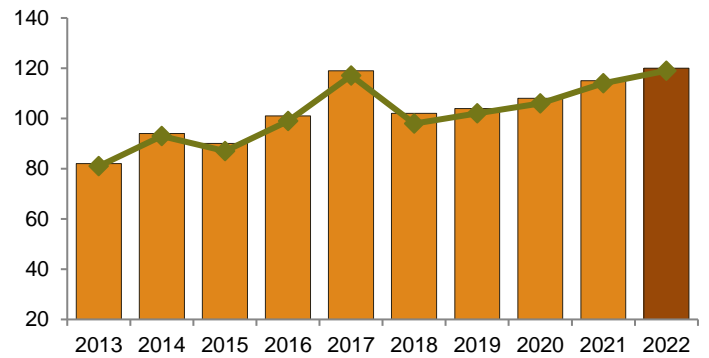


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**NC Soybeans- (Thousand Acres)**



**NC Peanuts - (Thousand Acres)**



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