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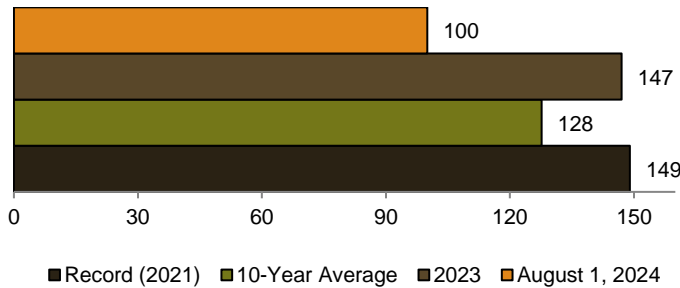
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## NORTH CAROLINA PEANUTS, COTTON PRODUCTION ESTIMATES UP, CORN, WHEAT, SOYBEANS DOWN

### Corn for Grain

- Yield estimate of 100 bushels per acre is down 47 bushels per acre from last year's yield of 147 bushels per acre.
- Production forecast at 84 million bushels is down 37% from the 132.3 million bushels produced last year.
- Harvested acres projected at 840,000 are down from the 900,000 acres harvested in 2023.

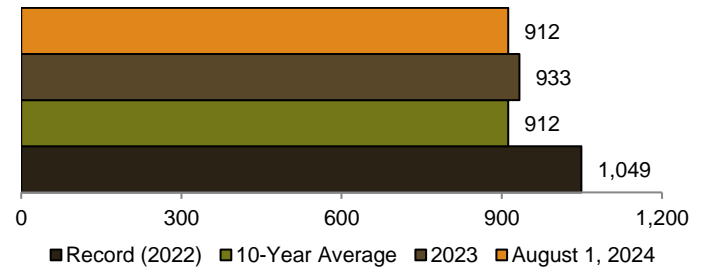
Corn for Grain Yield - (*Bushels*)



### Cotton

- Yield estimate of 912 pounds per acre is down 21 pounds per acre from last year's yield of 933 pounds per acre.
- Production forecast at 760,000 bales is up 6% from last year's production of 719,000 bales.
- Harvested acres projected at 400,000 are up from the 370,000 acres harvested in 2023.

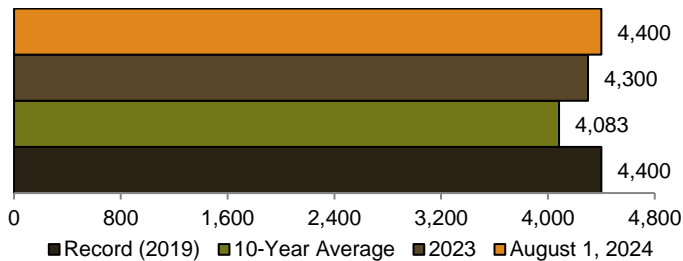
Upland Cotton Yield - (*Pounds*)



### Peanuts

- Yield estimate of 4,400 pounds per acre is up 100 pounds per acre from last year's estimate of 4,300 pounds per acre.
- Production forecast at 567.6 million pounds is up 7% from last year's production of 528.9 million pounds.
- Harvested acres projected at 129,000 acres are up from the 123,000 acres harvested in 2023.

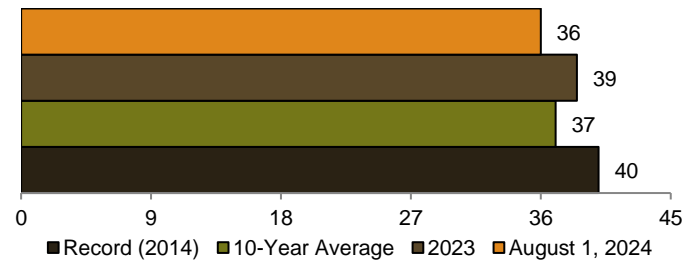
Peanut Yield - (*Pounds*)



### Soybeans

- Yield estimate of 36 bushels per acre is down 2.5 bushels per acre from last year's yield of 38.5 bushels per acre.
- Production forecast at 58.32 million bushels is down 7% from last year's production of 62.755 million bushels.
- Harvested acres projected at 1.62 million acres are down 10,000 acres from last year.

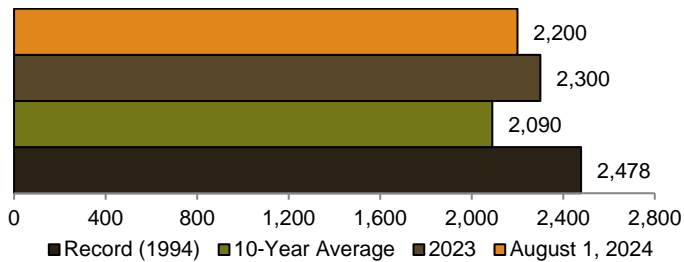
Soybean Yield - (*Bushels*)



## Flue-Cured Tobacco

- Yield estimate of 2,200 pounds per acre is down 100 pounds per acre from last year.
- Production forecast at 257.4 million pounds per acre is down 1% from last year's production of 259.9 million pounds.
- Harvested acres projected at 117,000 acres are up 4,000 acres from 2023.

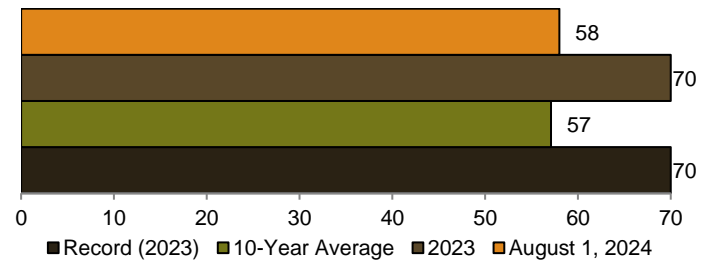
Flue-Cured Tobacco - (Pounds)



## Winter Wheat

- Yield estimate of 58 bushels per acre is down 12 bushels per acre from 2023.
- Production forecast at 18.56 million bushels per acre is down 34% from last year's production of 28.0 million bushels.
- Harvested acres projected at 320,000 acres are down 80,000 acres from last year.

Winter Wheat - (Bushels)



NORTH CAROLINA CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, AUGUST 1, 2024									
Crops	Unit	Harvested		Yield			Production		Percent Change
		2023	2024	2023	2024		2023	2024	
					July 1	August 1			
		Thousand Acres		Unit per Acre			Thousands		+/-
Corn for Grain	Bu.	900	840	147.0	-	100.0	132,300	84,000	-37
Cotton: Upland <sup>1</sup>	Lb.	370.0	400.0	933	-	912	719.0	760.0	+6
Hay: Other	Ton	650	640	2.10	-	2.00	1,365	1,280	-6
Peanuts	Lb.	123.0	129.0	4,300	-	4,400	528,900	567,600	+7
Soybeans	Bu.	1,630	1,620	38.5	-	36.0	62,755	58,320	-7
Tobacco: Flue Cured	Lb.	113	117	2,300	2,000	2,200	259,900	257,400	-1
Wheat: Winter	Bu.	400	320	70.0	58.0	58.0	28,000	18,560	-34

<sup>1</sup> Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. Production ginned and to be ginned.