NORTH CAROLINA CORN, COTTON, TOBACCO PRODUCTION ESTIMATES UP, PEANUTS AND WHEAT DOWN

"We, in USDA/NASS recognize this is a hectic time of the year for farmers and want to express our sincere appreciation for their time in completing the monthly Agricultural Yield Survey," said Dee Webb, North Carolina State Statistician. "It is during these times that quality, reliable agricultural data are vital to assist farmers in their decision making, as well as being vital for organizations supporting the NC agriculture industry. By responding, the growers provided essential information for crop yields that helped determine monthly production forecasts and ensured USDA decisions are based on the most accurate data."

**Corn for grain**
- Yield estimate of 141 bushels per acre is up 28 bushels from last year's yield of 113 bushels per acre.
- Production forecast at 128.3 million bushels is up 20% from the 107.4 million bushels produced last year.
- Harvested acres projected at 910,000 are down from the 950,000 acres harvested in 2020.

**Cotton**
- Yield estimate of 795 pounds per acre is up 36 pounds from last year's yield of 759 pounds per acre.
- Production forecast at 580,000 bales is up 11% from last year's production of 522,000 bales.
- Harvested acres projected at 350,000 are up from the 330,000 acres harvested in 2020.

**Peanuts**
- Yield estimate of 4,000 pounds per acre is unchanged from last year's estimate.
- Production forecast at 412.0 million pounds is down 3% from last year's production of 424.0 million pounds.
- Harvested acres projected at 103,000 acres are down from the 106,000 acres harvested in 2020.

**Soybeans**
- Yield estimate of 39 bushels per acre is up 2 bushels from last year's yield of 37 bushels.
- Production forecast at 61.6 million bushels is up 6% from last year's production of 58.1 million bushels.
- Harvested acres projected at 1.58 million acres are up 10,000 acres from last year.

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**Flue-Cured Tobacco**
- Yield estimate of 2,000 pounds per acre is up 200 pounds from last year.
- Production forecast at 240 million pounds per acre is up 31% from last year’s production of 183.6 million pounds.
- Harvested acres projected at 120,000 acres are up 18,000 acres from 2020.

**Winter Wheat**
- Yield estimate of 54 bushels per acre is down 6 bushels per acre from 2020.
- Production forecast at 19.4 million bushels per acre is down 7% from last year’s production of 21 million bushels.
- Harvested acres projected at 360,000 acres are up 10,000 acres from last year.

### ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, AUGUST 1, 2021

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1 Production in 480-lb. net weight bales.