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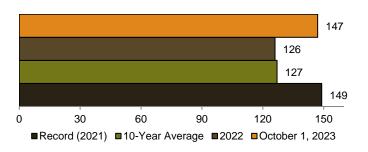
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# NORTH CAROLINA CORN & PEANUTS PRODUCTION ESTIMATES UP, COTTON & SOYBEANS DOWN

### **Corn for Grain**

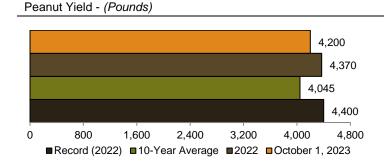
- Yield estimate of 147 bushels per acre is up 21 bushels per acre from last year's yield of 126 bushels per acre.
- Production forecast at 132.3 million bushels is up 34% from the 98.91 million bushels produced last year.
- Harvested acres projected at 900,000 are up from the 785,000 acres harvested in 2022.

#### Corn for Grain Yield - (Bushels)



## Peanuts

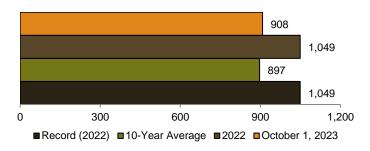
- Yield estimate of 4,200 pounds per acre is down 170 pounds from last year's estimate of 4,370 pounds per acre.
- Production forecast at 516.6 million pounds is up 2% from last year's production of 506.92 million pounds.
- Harvested acres projected at 123,000 acres are up from the 116,000 acres harvested in 2022.



#### Cotton

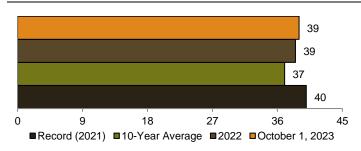
- Yield estimate of 908 pounds per acre is down 141 pounds per acre from last year's yield of 1,049 pounds per acre.
- Production forecast at 700,000 bales is down 30% from last year's production of 1,005,000 bales.
- Harvested acres projected at 370,000 are down from the 460,000 acres harvested in 2022.

#### Upland Cotton Yield - (Pounds)



# Soybeans

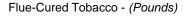
- Yield estimate of 39.0 bushels per acre is up 0.5 bushels per acre from last year's yield of 38.5 bushels per acre.
- Production forecast at 63.96 million bushels is down 1% from last year's production of 64.68 million bushels.
- Harvested acres projected at 1.64 million acres are down 40,000 acres from last year.

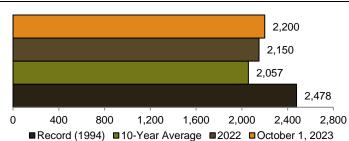


#### Soybean Yield - (Bushels)

#### **Flue-Cured Tobacco**

- Yield estimate of 2,200 pounds per acre is up 50 pounds per acre from last year.
- Production forecast at 248.6 million pounds per acre is down 0.3% from last year's production of 249.4 million pounds.
- Harvested acres projected at 113,000 are down from the 116,000 acres harvested in 2022.





ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, OCTOBER 1, 2023										
		Harve	ested	Yield			Production			
					2023				Percent	
Crops	Unit	2022	2023	2022	September 1	October 1	2022	2023	Chan	ge
		Thousand Acres		Unit per Acre			Thousands		+/-	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	785	900	126	147	147	98,910	132,300	+34	
Cotton: Upland <sup>1</sup>	Lb.	460	370	1,049	882	908	1,005	700	-30	
Hay: Other	Ton	650	630	2.2	-	2.5	1,430	1,575	+10	
Peanuts	Lb.	116	123	4,370	4,250	4,200	506,920	516,600	+2	
Soybeans	Bu.	1,680	1,640	38.5	39.0	39.0	64,680	63,960	-1	
Tobacco: Flue Cured	Lb.	116	113	2,150	2,100	2,200	249,400	248,600	-0	
Tobacco: Burley	Lb.	0.16	0.12	1,700	2,000	2,000	272	240	-12	
<sup>1</sup> Production in 480-pound net weight bales. Production ginned and to be ginned.										

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