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Sweet Potatoes



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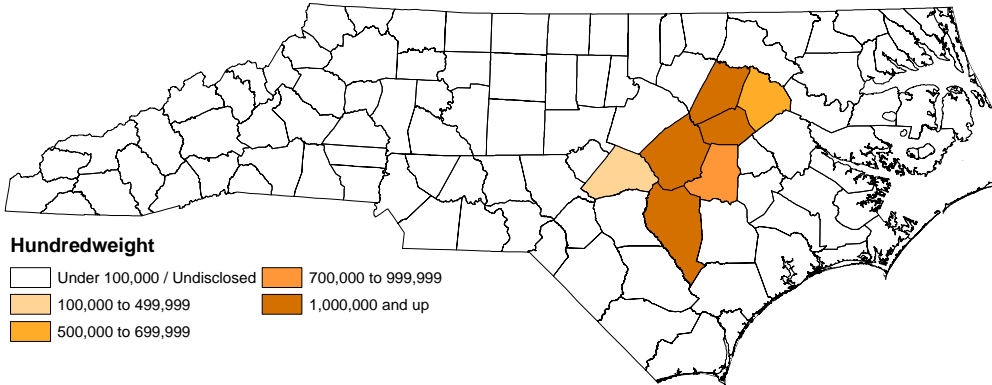
Herb Vanderberry, Director

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Quick Facts

- ❖ North Carolina ranks #1 in the U.S. in sweet potato production.
- ❖ A total of 46,000 acres of sweet potatoes were harvested in 2008 at a record yield of 190 cwt. per acre.
- ❖ North Carolina farmers produced a record 8.74 million cwt. of sweet potatoes in 2008, valued at \$159,068,000.

2008 Production by County



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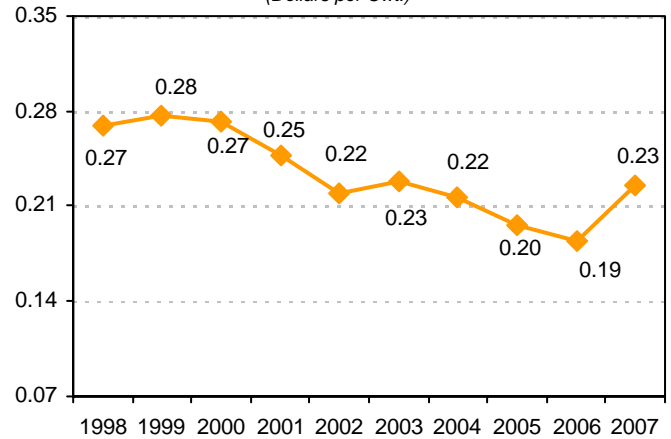
Leading Counties ¹	Cwt.
Sampson	1,480,000
Nash	1,337,000
Johnston	1,210,000
Wilson	1,130,000
Wayne	700,000
Edgecombe	595,000
Harnett	173,000
Chowan	59,700

¹Ranking of Published Counties Only

Year	Planted (Thousand Acres)	Harvested (Thousand Acres)	Yield (Cwt.)	Production (Thousand Cwt.)	Value of Production (Thousand Dollars)
1999	37	29	130	3,770	45,240
2000	38	37	150	5,550	68,265
2001	37	36	155	5,580	66,960
2002	40	37	130	4,810	67,340
2003	43	42	140	5,880	85,260
2004	45	43	160	6,880	92,880
2005	36	35	170	5,950	84,490
2006	40	39	180	7,020	113,724
2007	44	43	155	6,665	109,306
2008	47	46	190	8,740	159,068

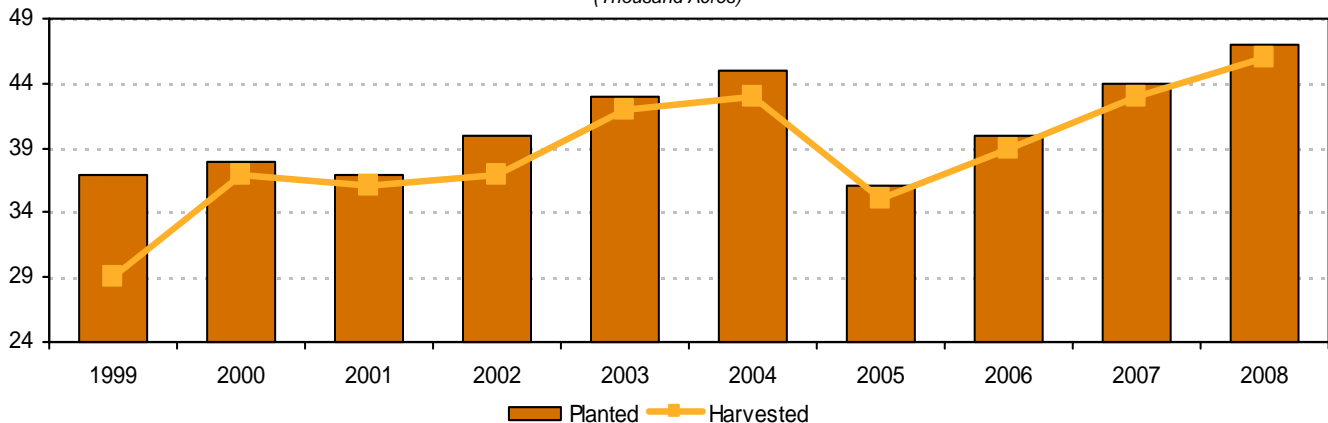
Prices Received

(Dollars per Cwt.)



Planted & Harvested

(Thousand Acres)



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