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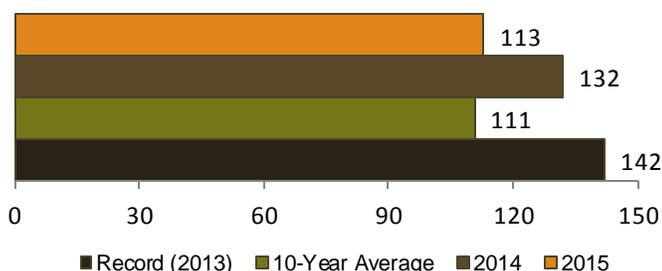
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2015 CROP SUMMARY

Corn for Grain

- North Carolina farmers harvested 730,000 acres of corn for grain in 2015, down 50,000 acres from 2014.
- Yield averaged 113 bushels per acre, down 19 bushels from the 2014.
- Production at 82.5 million bushels was 20% lower than the 2014 total of 103.0 million.

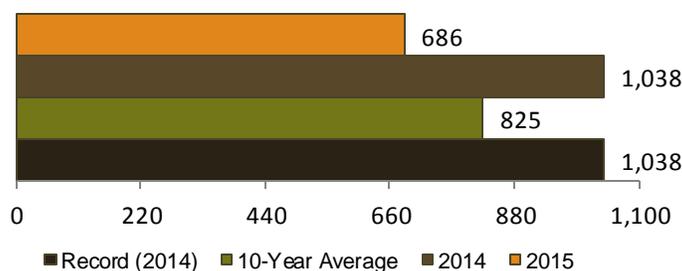
Corn for Grain Yield - (Bushels)



Cotton

- 2015 cotton acres harvested in 2015 totaled 385,000 acres down 75 acres from the 460,000 harvested in 2014.
- Yield averaged 686 pounds per acre, was 352 pounds lower than the 2014 record of 1,038 pounds.
- Production at 522,000 bales was down 48% from the 995,000 bales produced in 2014

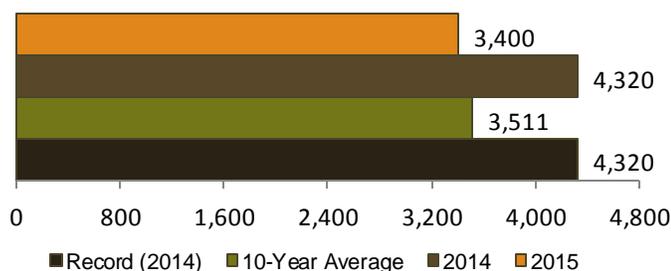
Upland Cotton Yield - (Pounds)



Peanuts

- North Carolina farmers harvested 88,000 acres of peanuts in 2015, 5,000 acres less than the 93,000 acres harvested in 2014.
- Yield per acre at 3,400 pounds was down 920 pounds per acre from the 2014 record yield of 4,320.
- Production at 299.2 million pounds was down 26% from 401.8 million pounds of peanuts produced in 2014.

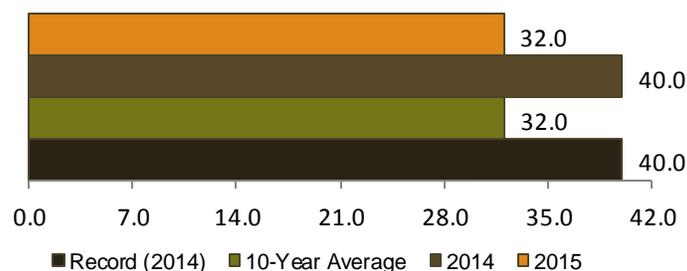
Peanut Yield - (Pounds)



Soybeans

- Soybean acres harvested in 2015 totaled 1.79 million. This was up 60,000 acres from the 1.73 million acres harvested in 2014.
- Yield averaged 32 bushels per acre. 8 bushels lower than 2014 record of 40 bushels per acre.
- Production totaled 57.3 million bushels, down 17% from last year.

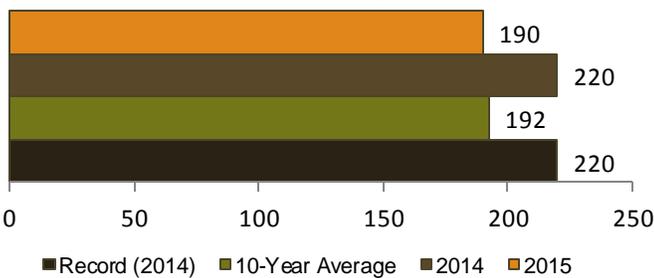
Soybean Yield - (Bushels)



Sweet Potatoes

- North Carolina farmers harvested 86,000 acres of sweet potatoes in 2015, up 14,000 acres from 2014.
- Yield averaged 190 cwt. per acre, down 30 cwt. from the 2014 record for 220 cwt. per acre
- Production at 16.3 million cwt. was up 3% from last year's production of 15.8 million cwt.

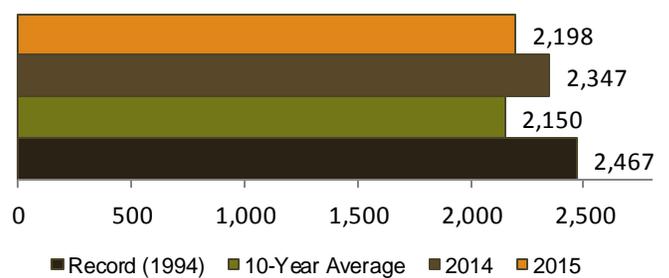
Sweet Potato Yield - (Hundredweight)



Tobacco

- North Carolina farmers harvested 171,000 acres of tobacco in 2015, down 22,400 acres from last year.
- Burley tobacco yield averaged 1,850 pounds per acre while Flue-Cured tobacco yield averaged 2,200 pounds per acre.
- Production was down 17% for flue-cured tobacco at 374.0 million pounds and down 30% for burley tobacco at 1.9 million pounds.

Tobacco Yield - (Pounds)



NORTH CAROLINA CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION

Crops ¹	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production		Percent Change
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
		<i>(Thousands)</i>		<i>(Thousands)</i>				<i>(Thousands)</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Barley	Bu.	20	19	15	14	71	72	1,065	1,008	-5
Corn for Grain	Bu.	840	790	780	730	132	113	102,960	82,490	-20
Corn for Silage	Ton			50	50	19	16	950	800	-16
Cotton: Upland ²	Lb.	465	385	460	365	1,038	686	995	522	-48
Hay: All	Ton			830	777	2.4	2.4	1,996	1,868	-6
Hay: Alfalfa ³	Ton			10	7	2.8	2.8	28	20	-29
Hay: Other	Ton			820	770	2.4	2.4	1,968	1,848	-6
Oats	Bu.	33	35	17	16	67	66	1,139	1,056	-7
Peanuts	Lb.	94	90	93	88	4,320	3,400	401,760	299,200	-26
Potatoes: Irish	Cwt.	14.5	13.5	13.5	12.7	210	210	2,835	2,667	-6
Soybeans for Beans	Bu.	1,750	1,820	1,730	1,790	40.0	32.0	69,200	57,280	-17
Sweet Potatoes	Cwt.	73	87	72	86	220	190	15,840	16,340	+3
Tobacco: All	Lb.			193.4	171.0	2,347	2,198	453,860	375,850	-17
Tobacco: Flue-Cured	Lb.			192.0	170.0	2,350	2,200	451,200	374,000	-17
Tobacco: Burley	Lb.			1.4	1.0	1,900	1,850	2,660	1,850	-30
Wheat: Winter	Bu.	830	650	770	570	58	53	44,660	30,210	-32

¹ 2014 Revised. ² Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. ³ Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures.

Winter Wheat Seedings - (Thousand Acres)

