



# News Release

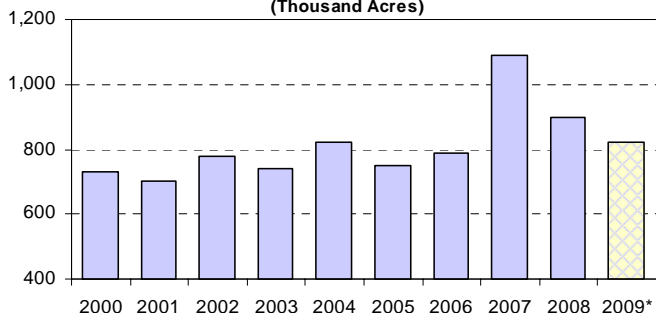
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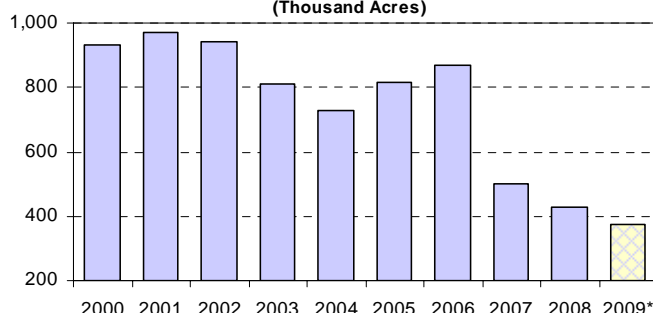
## 2009 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS IN NORTH CAROLINA

- ◆ **Corn** plantings are expected to total 820,000 acres in 2009; down 9% from 2008.
- ◆ **Cotton** growers intend to plant 375,000 acres in 2009; 13% below last year, and the lowest since 1990.
- ◆ **Flue-cured tobacco** growers expect to plant 177,000 acres in 2009; up 4% from 2008.
- ◆ **Burley tobacco** growers expect to plant 3,300 acres in 2009; up 300 acres from 2008.
- ◆ **Soybean** plantings, at 1.80 million acres, are expected to increase 7% from 2008, and the highest since 1985.
- ◆ **Peanut** growers intend to plant 75,000 acres in 2009; down 23% from the planted acreage in 2008.
- ◆ **Sweet potato** growers intend to plant 45,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2008.
- ◆ **Hay** producers expect to cut 690,000 acres in 2009; down 15% from 2008.
- ◆ **Winter wheat** plantings totaled 660,000 acres, down 20% from 2008.

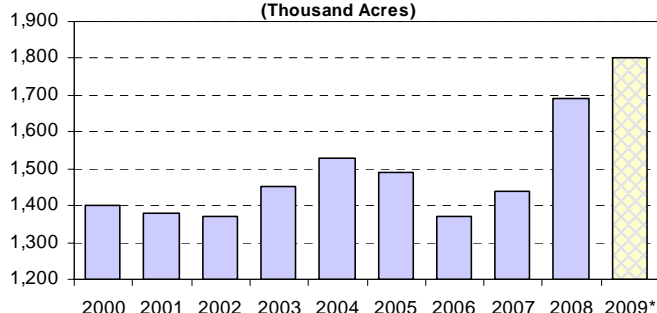
**Corn Plantings**  
(Thousand Acres)



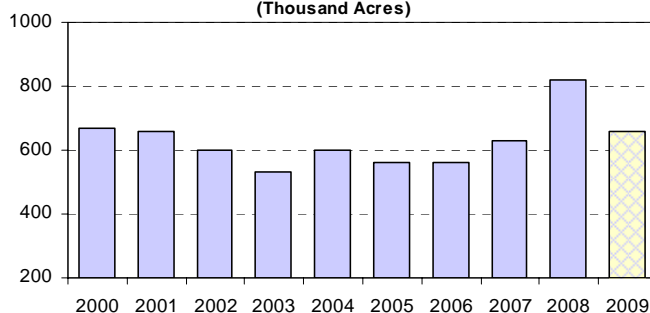
**Upland Cotton Plantings**  
(Thousand Acres)



**Soybean Plantings**  
(Thousand Acres)



**Winter Wheat Plantings**  
(Thousand Acres)



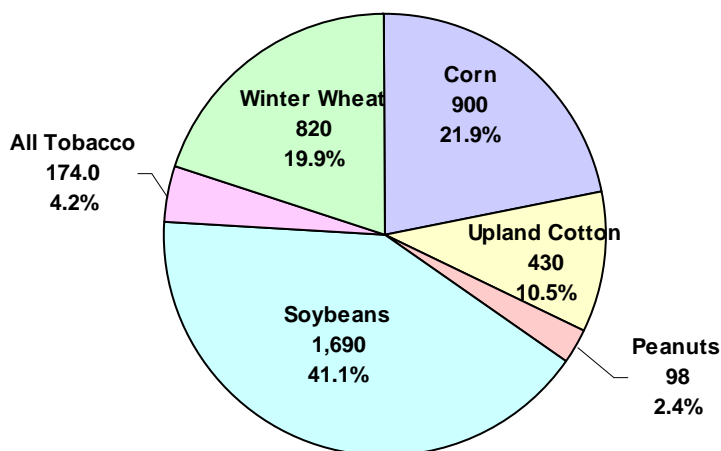
\*Intentions

### PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

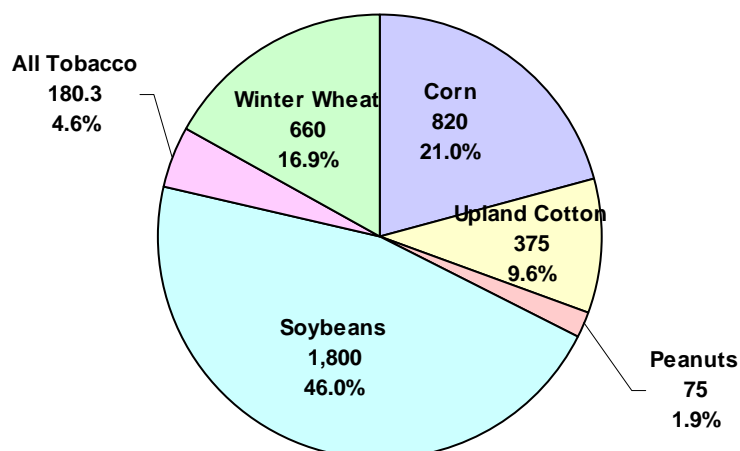
CROPS	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	2008	2009 Intentions	Percent Change	2008	2009 Intentions	Percent Change
	Thousand Acres		+/-	Thousand Acres		+/-
Barley <sup>3</sup>	21	24	+14	4,234	3,953	-7
Corn, All	900	820	-9	85,982	84,986	-1
Cotton, All <sup>1</sup>	430	375	-13	9,470	8,812	-7
Hay, All <sup>2</sup>	808	690	-15	60,062	60,297	0
Oats <sup>3</sup>	60	50	-17	3,217	3,400	+6
Peanuts	98	75	-23	1,534	1,124	-27
Soybeans	1,690	1,800	+7	75,718	76,024	0
Sweet Potatoes	47.0	45.0	-4	102.9	101.9	-1
Tobacco: Burley <sup>2</sup>	3.0	3.3	+10	97.2	96.6	-1
Tobacco: Flue-cured <sup>2</sup>	171	177	+4	223	227.5	+2
Wheat, Winter <sup>3</sup>	820	660	-20	46,281	42,889	-7

<sup>1</sup> U.S. includes Upland and American-Pima. <sup>2</sup> Data for hay and tobacco represent harvested acres. <sup>3</sup> Includes acreage planted in preceding fall.

**2008 Planted Acres and Percent Total  
for Select Commodities\***  
(Thousand Acres)



**2009 Planted Acres and Percent Total  
for Select Commodities\***  
(Thousand Acres)



\*Tobacco data represents harvested acres.