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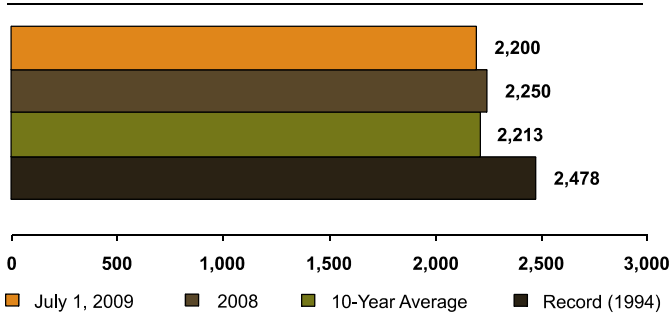
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## 2009 NORTH CAROLINA PEACH, WHEAT AND FLUE-CURED TOBACCO PRODUCTION DOWN

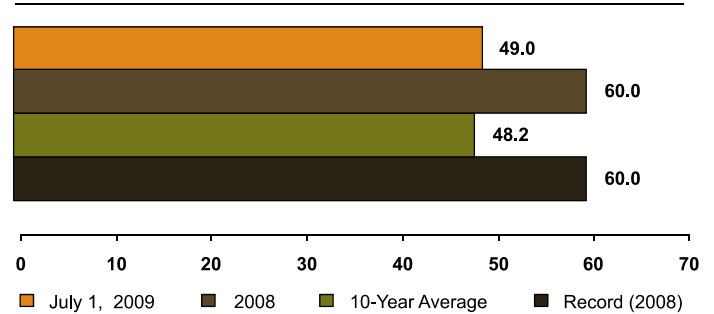
**Flue-cured tobacco** production is forecast at 365 million pounds, 5 percent below the 385 million pounds produced in 2008. Acres for harvest are estimated at 166,000, down from last year's 171,000 acres. Yield per acre is forecast at 2,200 pounds, down 50 pounds from last year. As of July 6, flue-cured tobacco condition was 1% very poor, 7% poor, 44% fair, 45% good, and 3% excellent.

**Wheat** production is estimated at 28.9 million bushels, down 33% from last year. Harvested acres, at 590,000, are down 18% from 2008. The July yield of 49 bushels per acre is down from the estimated 55 bushel yield in June, and down 11 bushels from last year's 60 bushel yield.

Flue-cured Tobacco Yield - (Pounds)



Winter Wheat Yield - (Bushels)



**Peach** production for 2009 is forecast at 4,400 tons, down 21% from 5,600 tons in 2008.

**June Weather Summary:** The state received widespread precipitation during the first 3 weeks of the month. Hot, dry conditions at the end of the month dried out soil moisture rapidly. As of June 28, topsoil moisture was rated at 2% very short, 24% short, 67% adequate, and 7% surplus.

CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, JULY 1, 2009								
Crops <sup>1</sup>	Unit	Harvested Area		Yield		Production		Percent Change
		2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
<b>North Carolina</b>								
		Thousand Acres				Thousands		+ / -
Tobacco: Flue-cured	Lb.	171	166	2,250	2,200	384,750	365,200	-5
Wheat: Winter	Bu.	720	590	60	49	43,200	28,910	-33
		Actual Acres						
Peaches	Ton	1,200	<sup>1</sup>	4.67	<sup>1</sup>	5.60	4.40	-21

<sup>1</sup> To be released January, 2010