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RECORD BREAKING WHEAT YIELD

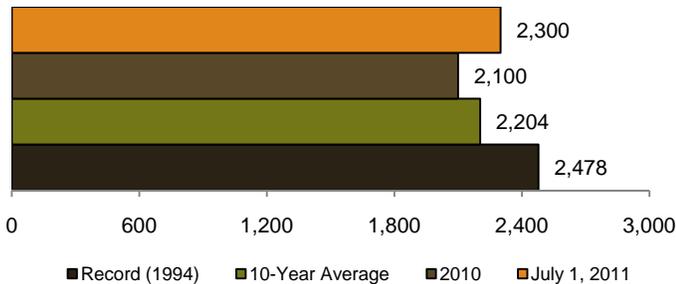
Wheat yield is estimated at 68 bushels per acre, up from the estimated 61 bushel yield in June. This yield is record breaking for North Carolina and surpasses the record set in 2008 of 60 bushels per acre. Harvested acres, at 640,000, are up 68% from 2010. Wheat production is estimated at 43.5 million bushels, up substantially from last year's drought stricken production of 14.1 million bushels.

Flue-cured tobacco production is forecast at 395.6 million pounds, 13 percent above the 348.6 million pounds produced in 2010. Acres for harvest are estimated at 172,000, up from last year's 166,000 acres. Yield per acre is forecast at 2,300 pounds, up 200 pounds from last year. As of July 10, flue-cured tobacco condition was 1% very poor, 11% poor, 34% fair, 46% good, and 8% excellent.

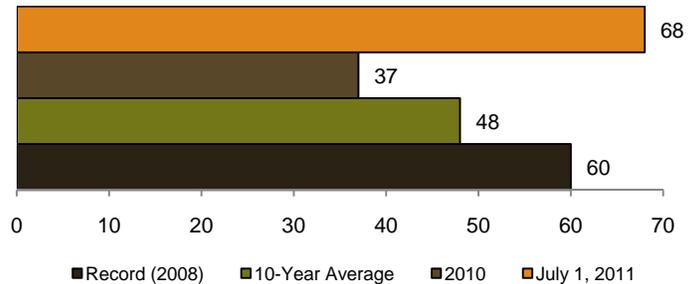
Peach production for 2011 is forecast at 5,000 tons, down 9% from 5,500 tons in 2010.

June Weather Summary: The state received below normal precipitation and above normal average temperatures throughout the whole month. Excessive heat and dry conditions dried out soil moisture rapidly. As of June 26, topsoil moisture was rated at 24% very short, 38% short, 34% adequate, and 4% surplus.

Flue-cured Tobacco Yield - (Pounds)



Winter Wheat Yield - (Bushels)



CROP ACREAGE YIELD AND PRODUCTION, JULY 1									
Crops	Unit	Harvested		Yield			Production		
		2010	2011	2010	2011		2010	2011	Percent Change
					June 1	July 1			
		<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Unit per Acre</i>			<i>Thousands</i>		
Tobacco: Flue-cured	Lb.	166	172	2,100	-	2,300	348,600	395,600	+13
Wheat: Winter	Bu.	380	640	37	61	68	14,060	43,520	+210
Peaches	Ton	1,100	¹	5.00	-	¹	5.50	5.00	-9

¹ Released January 2012.