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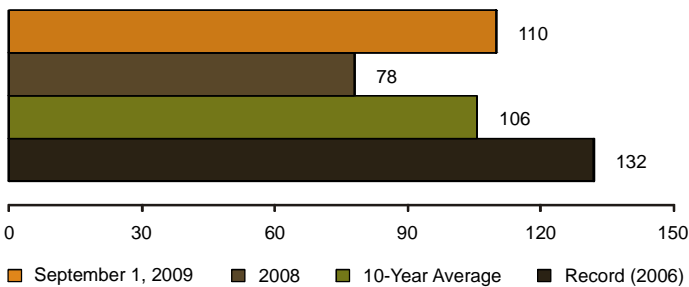
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## NORTH CAROLINA CORN, TOBACCO AND SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UP; COTTON AND PEANUTS DOWN

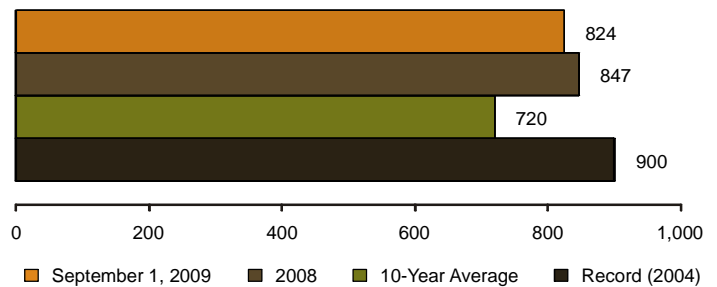
### Corn for grain

- Yield is forecast at 110 bushels per acre, up 32 bushels from last year.
- Production is forecast to total 88 million bushels, 36% more than last year.
- Harvested acres are forecast at 800,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from 2008.



### Cotton

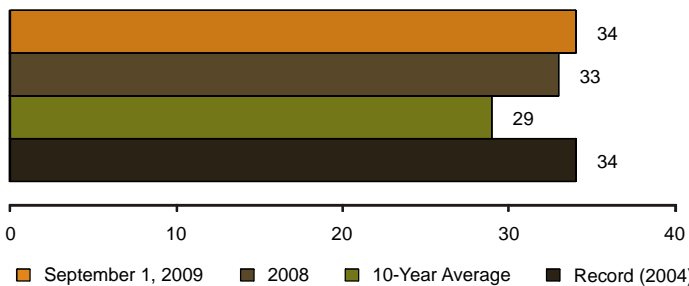
- Yield is forecast at 824 pounds per acre, down from the final 2008 yield of 847 pounds per acre.
- Production is forecast at 635,000 bales, down 16% from last year's production of 755,000 bales.
- Harvested acres are expected to total 370,000 compared with 428,000 acres harvested in 2008.



**August 2009 Crop Weather:** The state experienced normal temperatures during the month of August. Scattered precipitation throughout the month improved soil moisture conditions to 79% adequate and surplus by August 30, compared to 58% on July 26. Activities during the month included harvesting tobacco, corn, apples, peaches, and cutting hay.

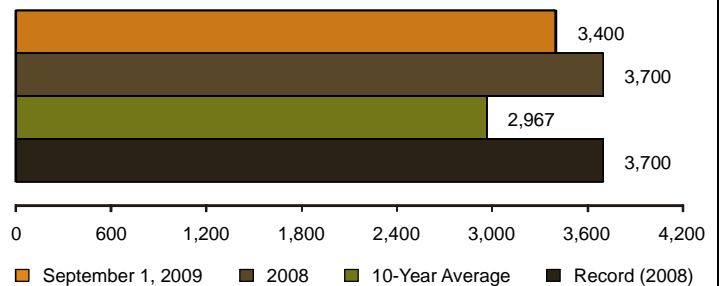
### Soybeans

- Yield is forecast to average 34 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last year and equal to the record set in 2004.
- Production is forecast to total 59.8 million bushels, up 9% from last year.
- Harvested acres are projected at 1.76 million acres, up 90,000 acres from 2008.



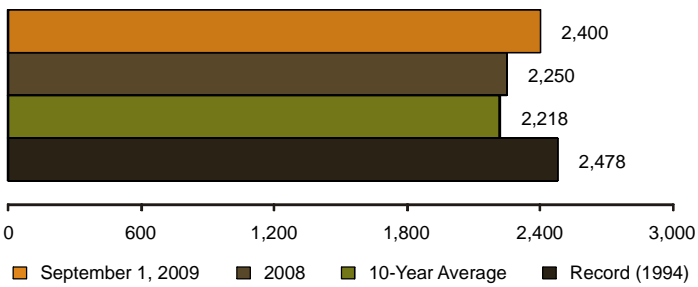
### Peanuts

- Yield per acre is forecast at 3,400 pounds, down 300 pounds per acre from last year.
- Production is forecast at 224.4 million pounds, down 37% from last year's production.
- Harvested acres are projected at 66,000 acres, down 31,000 acres compared to 2008.



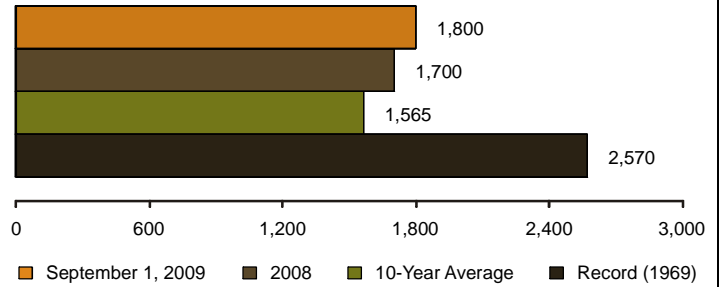
### Flue-cured tobacco

- Yield per acre is forecast at 2,400 pounds, up 150 pounds from last year.
- Production is forecast at 408 million pounds, 6% above the 384.8 million pounds produced in 2008.
- Acres for harvest are estimated at 170,000, down 1,000 acres from last year.



### Burley tobacco

- Yield per acre is forecast at 1,800 pounds, up 100 pounds from last year.
- Production is forecast at 5.9 million pounds, 6% above the 5.6 million pounds produced in 2008.
- Acres for harvest are estimated at 3,300, unchanged from last year.



### ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

CROPS	UNIT	ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		PERCENT CHANGE
		2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
		<i>Thousands</i>				<i>Thousands</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Corn for Grain	Bu.	830	800	78	110	64,740	88,000	+36
Cotton: Upland <sup>1</sup>	Lb.	428	370	847	824	755	635	-16
Peanuts	Lb.	97	66	3,700	3,400	358,900	224,400	-37
Soybeans for Beans	Bu.	1,670	1,760	33	34	55,110	59,840	+9
Tobacco: All	Lb.	174.3	173.3	2,240	2,389	390,360	413,940	+6
Tobacco: Flue Cured	Lb.	171.0	170.0	2,250	2,400	384,750	408,000	+6
Tobacco: Burley	Lb.	3.3	3.3	1,700	1,800	5,610	5,940	+6

<sup>1</sup> Production in 480-lb. net weight bales.