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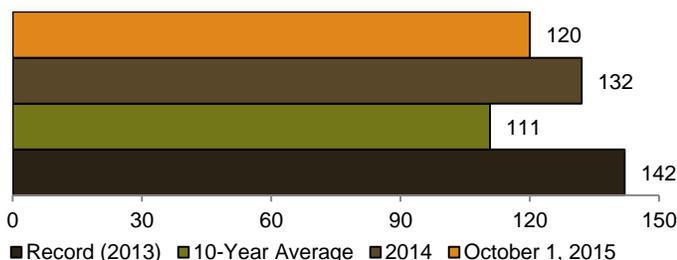
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## NORTH CAROLINA CROP PRODUCTION DOWN IN 2015

### Corn for grain

- Yield is forecast at 120 bushels per acre, down 12 bushels from last year's yield of 132 bushels per acre.
- Production is forecast to total 87.6 million bushels, down 15% from last year.
- Harvested acres are forecast at 730,000 acres, down from 780,000 acres from 2014.

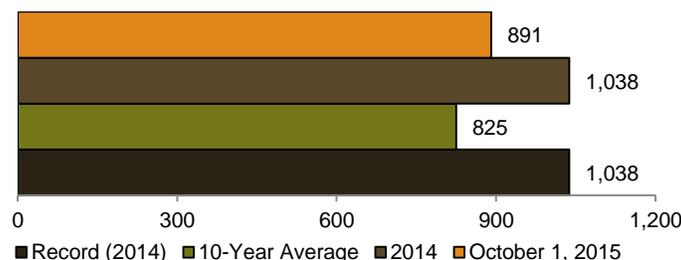
Corn for Grain Yield - (Bushels)



### Cotton

- Yield is forecast at 891 pounds per acre, down 147 pounds from the 2014 record yield of 1,038 pounds per acre.
- Production is forecast at 705,000 bales, down 29% from last year's production of 995,000 bales.
- Harvested acres are expected to total 380,000 acres compared with 460,000 acres harvested in 2014.

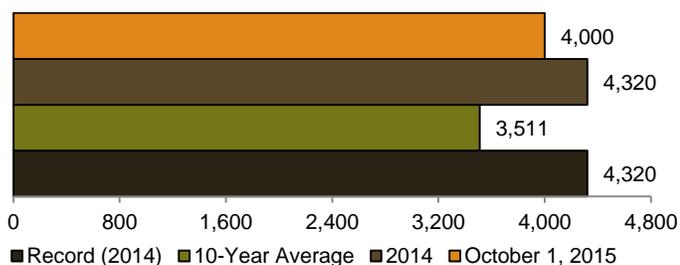
Upland Cotton Yield - (Pounds)



### Peanuts

- Yield per acre is forecast at 4,000 pounds, down 320 pounds per acre from the 2014 record of 4,320 pounds.
- Production is forecast at 356 million pounds, down 11% from last year's production.
- Harvested acres are projected at 89,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from 2014.

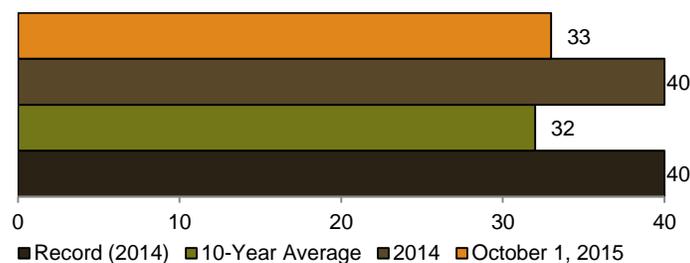
Peanut Yield - (Pounds)



### Soybeans

- Yield is forecast to average 33 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from last year's record yield of 40 bushels.
- Production is forecast to total 59.7 million bushels, down 14% from last year's production of 69.2 million bushels.
- Harvested acres are projected at 1.81 million acres, up 5% from last year.

Soybean Yield - (Bushels)



ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015									
Crops	Unit	Harvested		Yield		Production			Percent Change
		2014	2015	2014	2015		2014	2015	
					September 1	October 1			
		Thousand Acres		Unit per Acre		Thousands			
Corn for Grain	Bu.	780	730	132	110	120	102,960	87,600	-15
Cotton: Upland <sup>1</sup>	Lb.	460	380	1,038	891	891	995	705	-29
Hay: Other	Ton	820	720	2.4	*	2.3	1,968	1,656	-16
Peanuts	Lb.	93	89	4,320	3,800	4,000	401,760	356,000	-11
Soybeans	Bu.	1,730	1,810	40	33	33	69,200	59,730	-14
Tobacco: Flue Cured	Lb.	192	170	2,350	2,100	2,150	451,200	365,500	-19
Tobacco: Burley	Lb.	1.4	1.1	1,900	1,800	1,850	2,660	2,035	-23

<sup>1</sup> Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. \*No September 1 forecast.