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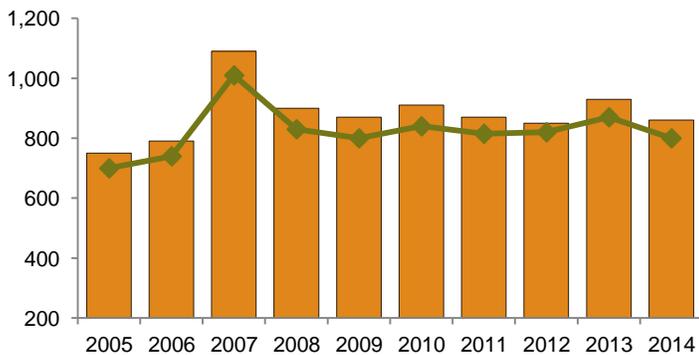
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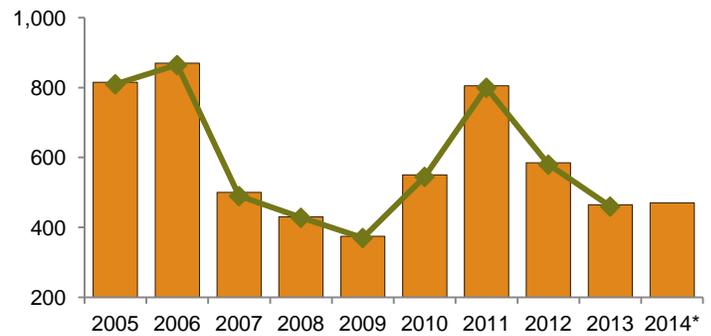
N.C. FARMERS TO PLANT MORE SOYBEANS, SWEET POTATOES AND PEANUTS

- ◆ **Corn** plantings are expected to total 860,000 acres in 2014, down 8% from 2013.
- ◆ **Cotton** growers intend to plant 470,000 acres in 2014, 5,000 more acres than last year.
- ◆ **Flue-cured tobacco** growers expect to harvest 181,000 acres in 2014, up 1,000 acres from 2013.
- ◆ **Burley tobacco** growers expect to harvest 1,800 acres in 2014, down 100 acres from last year.
- ◆ **Soybean** plantings, at 1.7 million acres, are expected to increase 16% from 2013.
- ◆ **Peanut** growers intend to plant 90,000 acres in 2014, up 10% from the planted acreage in 2013.
- ◆ **Sweet potato** growers intend to plant 66,000 acres, 22% more than last year.
- ◆ **Hay** producers expect to cut 770,000 acres in 2014, down 9% from 2013.
- ◆ **Winter wheat** plantings totaled 830,000 acres, down 16% from last year's record of 990,000 acres.

Corn for Grain - (Thousand Acres)



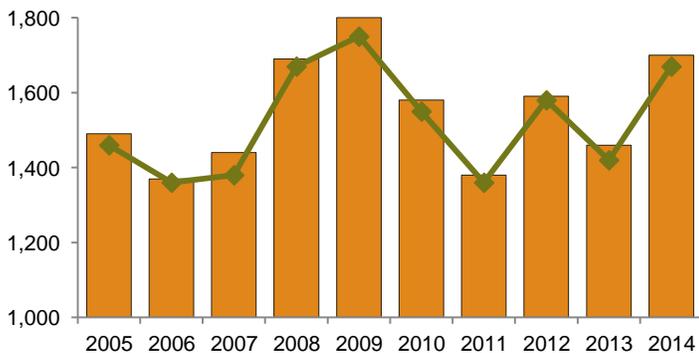
Upland Cotton - (Thousand Acres)



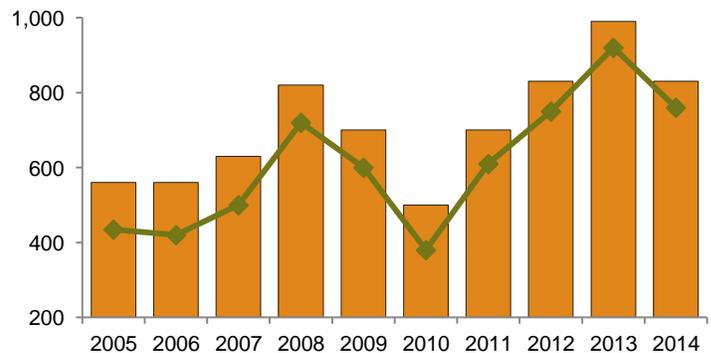
* Harvested Acres released on August 2014

Planted Harvested

Soybeans- (Thousand Acres)

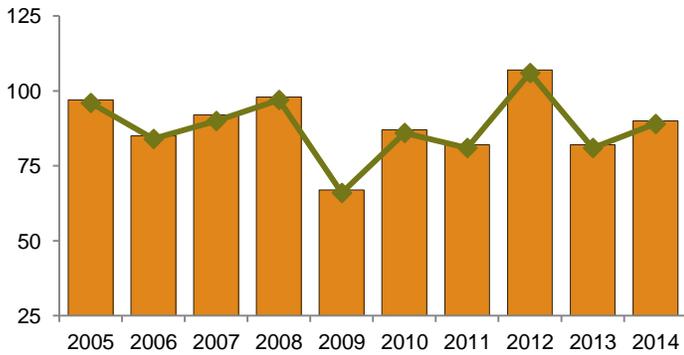


Winter Wheat - (Thousand Acres)

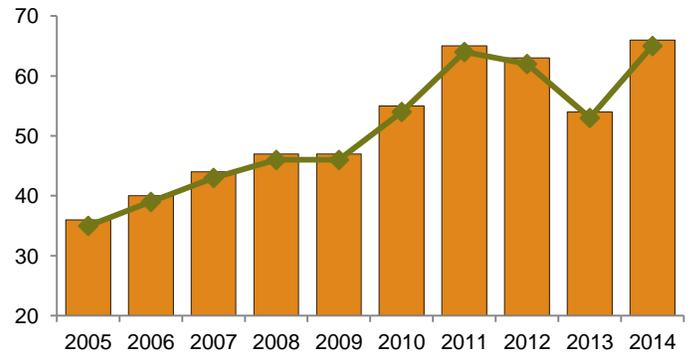


Planted Harvested

Peanuts - (Thousand Acres)



Sweet Potatoes- (Thousand Acres)



Planted Harvested

CROP ACREAGES, JUNE 1					
Crops	Planted		Harvested		Planted Percent Change
	2013	2014	2013	2014	
	Thousand Acres		Thousand Acres		+/-
North Carolina					
Barley ¹	19	20	14	15	+5
Corn for Grain	930	860	870	800	-8
Cotton	465	470	460	²	+1
Hay: All	-	-	858	778	-9
Hay: Alfalfa	-	-	8	8	0
Hay: Other	-	-	850	770	-9
Oats ¹	35	35	13	14	0
Peanuts	82	90	81	89	+10
Potatoes ⁴	14.5	14.5	13.5	13.5	0
Soybeans	1,460	1,700	1,420	1,670	+16
Sweet Potatoes	54	66	53	65	+22
Tobacco: All	-	-	181.9	182.8	0
Tobacco: Burley	-	-	1.9	1.8	-5
Tobacco: Flue-cured	-	-	180.0	181.0	+1
Wheat ¹⁵	990	830	920	760	-16
United States					
Barley ¹	3,480	3,091	3,000	2,633	-11
Corn for Grain	95,365	91,641	87,668	83,839	-4
Cotton ³	10,407	11,369	7,544	²	+9
Hay: All	-	-	58,257	57,646	-1
Hay: Alfalfa	-	-	17,763	18,190	+2
Hay: Other	-	-	40,494	39,456	-3
Oats ¹	3,010	3,027	1,030	1,153	+1
Peanuts	1,067	1,315	1,042	1,280	+23
Potatoes ⁴	1,066.5	1,082.2	1,052.0	1,067.4	+1
Soybeans	76,533	84,839	75,869	84,058	+11
Sweet Potatoes	115.7	133.0	113.2	130.0	+15
Tobacco: All	-	-	355.7	358.9	+1
Tobacco: Burley	-	-	99.0	98.4	-1
Tobacco: Flue-cured	-	-	228.8	232.0	+1
Wheat ¹⁵	56,156	56,474	45,157	46,240	+1

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall. ² Released on August 2014. ³ US includes Upland and American Pima. ⁴ US includes Spring, Summer and Fall Potatoes ⁵ US includes Winter, Durum and Other Spring wheat.