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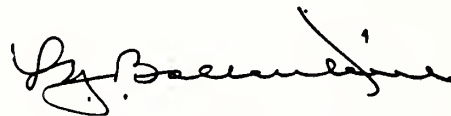
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FOREWORD

This publication, which is devoted entirely to peanuts, is the third in a series to be issued for each major crop produced in North Carolina. It has been prepared in response to a sharp increase in the number of requests for historical information on crop acreages and production at the county level.

County estimates on the acreage, yield, production, price and value of peanuts from 1925 through 1959 are shown on pages 6 through 19. Statistics at the State level on the acreage, yield, production, price and value of peanuts start with 1909 and are shown on page 3.

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PRODUCTION OF PEANUTS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Production of peanuts in the United States is confined primarily to three areas, i.e., Virginia-North Carolina, Southeast (principally Georgia and Alabama), and Southwest (principally Oklahoma and Texas--see page 5). About one-third of the production of peanuts in the United States usually comes from the Virginia-Carolina area from about one-fifth of the total acreage in the United States. About three-fifths of the total production in the Virginia-Carolina area comes from North Carolina from about two-thirds of the total acreage in this area. Usually North Carolina accounts for about 18 percent of the total United States production of peanuts (see page 5). Among the states, North Carolina ranks second to Georgia in the production of peanuts.

Peanut production in the Virginia-Carolina area is concentrated in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. Most of the crop in

the Virginia-Carolina area comes from the large-seeded Virginia-type varieties.

Since records were started in 1909, the North Carolina picked and threshed peanut acreage ranged from a low of 126,000 acres in 1919 and 1920 to a high of 320,000 acres in 1945. The acreage exceeded 200,000 for the first time in 1927 when 210,000 acres were harvested (see chart, page 3). From 1928 to 1942 the acreage fluctuated rather sharply during some years, ranging from a low of 190,000 acres in 1933 to a high of 270,000 acres in 1942. The picked and threshed acreage reached the 300,000 acre mark for the first time in 1943. Following the record high 320,000 acres harvested in 1945, the acreage declined to 227,000 acres in 1950 and to 178,000 in 1958.

The average yield per acre of peanuts in North Carolina exceeded 950 pounds for the first time in 1918 with an average of 1,025 pounds.

PRODUCTION OF PEANUTS (Cont'd.)

The average yield per acre increased to 1,325 pounds in 1937 and to 1,430 pounds in 1940. From 1941 through 1950 the average yield per acre ranged from a high of 1,255 pounds in 1942 to a low of 925 pounds in 1946. The average yield per acre trended upward from 1951 to 1958, when the record high of 1,860 pounds was realized. The 1959 average was down to 1,580 pounds, which was followed by 1,750 pounds in 1960.

The record high production of peanuts in North Carolina was realized in 1940 when 367,510,000 pounds were produced (see chart, page 4). The 1940 record crop was produced on 257,000 acres for an average yield per acre of 1,430 pounds. Production during recent years has ranged from the low 1955 hurricane damaged crop of 201 million pounds to the 1956 crop of 351 million pounds. Production during three of the four years since 1956 has exceeded 300 million pounds.

As pointed out above, the production of peanuts in each of the major states is concentrated within a relatively small area of these states. In North Carolina more than four-fifths of the picked and threshed acreage is grown in 10 counties. Although some shift occurred in the numerical rank of acres harvested, nine of the 10 leading counties in 1945 were among the 10 leading counties in 1959. The 10 leading counties in acres of peanuts picked and threshed in 1945 and 1959 are listed in the table below:

10 LEADING COUNTIES, 1945		10 LEADING COUNTIES, 1959	
County	Acres	County	Acres
Halifax	45,330	Northampton	30,600
Northampton	44,600	Halifax	27,700
Bertie	39,860	Bertie	23,600
Edgecombe	30,340	Edgecombe	16,300
Martin	27,500	Martin	15,800
Hertford	25,100	Hertford	15,700
Pitt	16,530	Gates	7,700
Gates	13,720	Pitt	6,900
Chowan	12,990	Chowan	6,350
Perquimans	11,500	Bladen	5,300

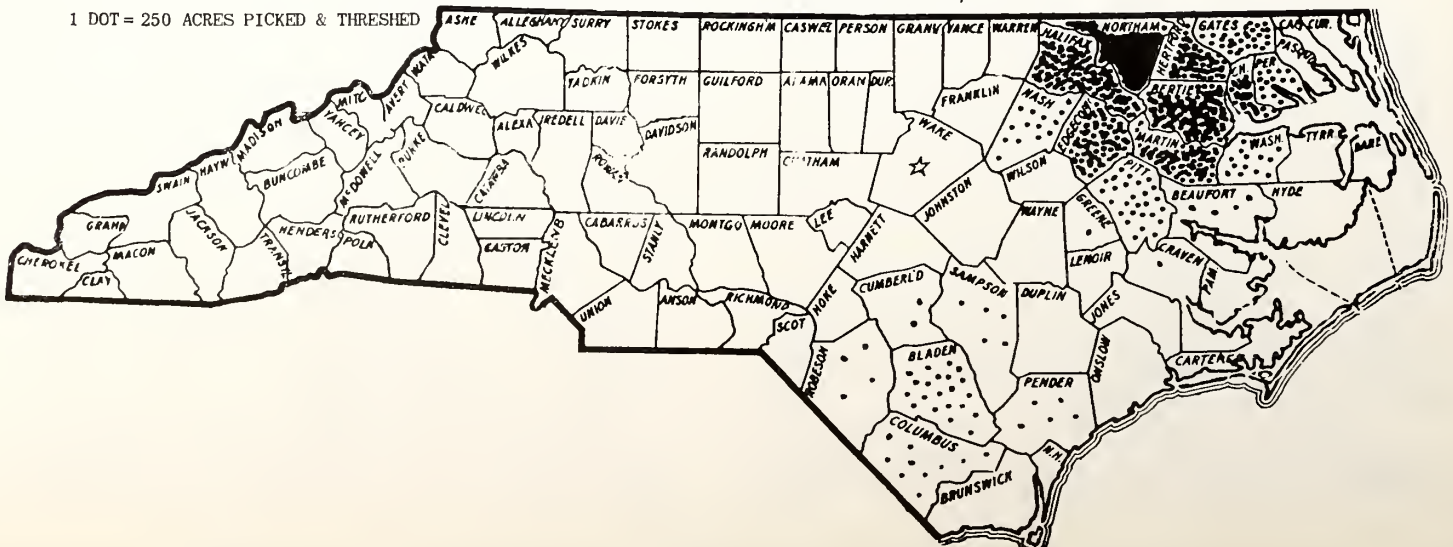
Statewide, cash receipts from sales of peanuts constitute a relatively small portion of the total cash receipts from marketings of all crops and livestock (see table below). Cash receipts from sales of peanuts in counties such as Northampton, Gates, Chowan, Hertford, Halifax, and Bertie account for a major portion of the total cash receipts from sales of both crops and livestock.

Total Cash Receipts From Farm Marketings, And Percent Of Total Cash Receipts From Peanuts, 1925-1959, North Carolina

Year	Total Cash Receipts From Farm Marketings Of Crops, Livestock And Products	Cash Receipts From Peanuts	Cash Receipts From Peanuts As Percent Of Total Cash Receipts From All Commodities
	<i>Mil. Dollars</i>	<i>Thous. Dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>
1925	278.7	9,263	3.3
1929	241.5	8,854	3.7
1934	236.5	7,984	3.4
1939	219.4	9,477	4.3
1944	604.6	25,449	4.2
1949	738.3	32,302	4.4
1954	947.6	31,695	3.3
1955	972.0	24,716	2.6
1956	1,003.4	32,993	3.3
1957	867.3	28,661	3.3
1958	1,006.2	42,319	4.2
1959	968.3	29,650	3.0

NORTH CAROLINA PEANUTS, 1959

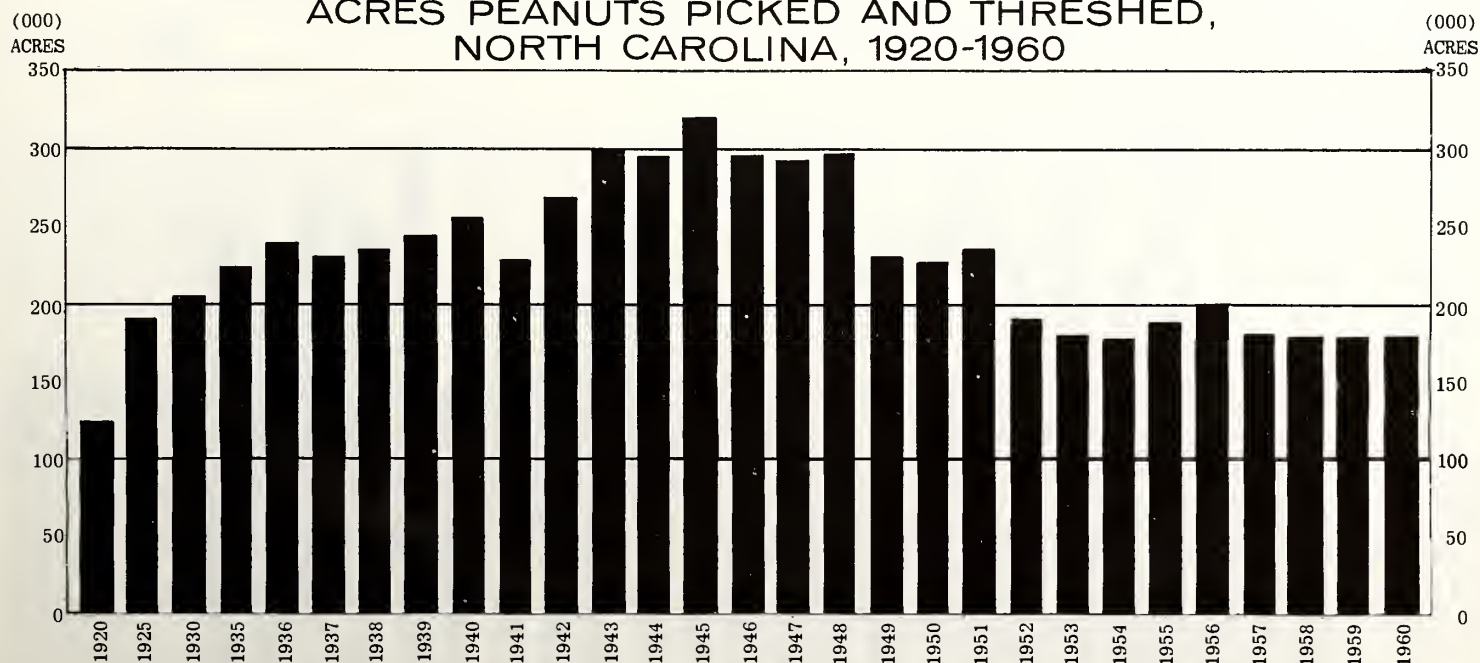
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NORTH CAROLINA PEANUTS, 1909-1959

Year	Acres Grown Alone All Purposes	Acres Grown With Other Crops	Equiv. Solid	Other Purposes	Acres Harvested For Picking and Threshing	Yield Per Acre Harvested	Production	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Thous. Dols.</i>
1909	-	-	195	-	180	675	121,500	4.1	4,982
1910	-	-	165	-	155	880	136,400	4.2	5,729
1911	-	-	165	-	155	770	119,350	3.9	4,655
1912	-	-	160	-	150	815	122,250	4.0	4,890
1913	-	-	150	-	140	900	126,000	4.0	5,040
1914	-	-	165	-	155	835	129,425	3.9	5,048
1915	-	-	185	-	172	815	140,180	4.1	5,747
1916	-	-	205	-	195	910	177,450	4.8	8,518
1917	-	-	163	-	153	950	145,350	8.3	12,064
1918	-	-	145	-	136	1,025	139,400	8.0	11,152
1919	-	-	135	-	126	1,124	141,624	10.4	14,729
1920	-	-	135	-	126	1,011	127,386	5.1	6,497
1921	-	-	150	-	141	1,010	142,410	5.4	7,690
1922	-	-	155	-	145	900	130,500	6.1	7,960
1923	-	-	170	-	160	1,100	176,000	6.7	11,792
1924	200	10	205	-	190	950	180,500	6.5	11,732
1925	205	10	210	-	190	1,150	218,500	4.1	8,958
1926	205	8	209	-	195	1,030	200,850	4.6	9,239
1927	230	8	234	-	210	1,050	220,500	5.6	12,348
1928	215	6	218	-	200	1,050	210,000	5.1	10,710
1929	238	8	242	22	220	1,020	224,400	3.4	7,630
1930	223	6	226	21	205	870	178,350	3.4	6,064
1931	267	4	269	19	250	1,100	275,000	1.6	4,400
1932	275	8	279	24	255	900	229,500	1.4	3,213
1933	210	4	212	22	190	950	180,500	3.0	5,415
1934	249	6	252	14	238	1,060	252,280	3.4	8,578
1935	238	4	240	16	224	1,125	252,000	3.2	8,064
1936	255	6	258	18	240	1,075	258,000	4.2	10,836
1937	248	4	250	18	232	1,325	307,400	3.4	10,452
1938	252	6	255	18	237	1,030	244,110	3.5	8,544
1939	260	4	262	17	245	1,190	291,550	3.6	10,496
1940	270	4	272	15	257	1,430	367,510	3.5	12,863
1941	240	4	242	13	229	1,200	274,800	5.4	14,839
1942	286	2	287	17	270	1,255	338,850	7.4	25,075
1943	317	2	318	18	300	1,025	307,500	7.4	22,755
1944	315	2	316	21	295	1,200	354,000	8.8	31,152
1945	341	2	342	22	320	950	304,000	9.2	27,968
1946	317	2	318	23	295	925	272,875	10.2	27,833
1947	311	2	312	20	292	1,030	300,760	11.0	33,084
1948	314	2	315	20	295	1,175	346,625	10.8	37,436
1949	242	-	242	12	230	1,055	242,650	10.8	26,206
1950	240	-	240	13	227	1,110	251,970	12.6	31,748
1951	242	-	242	10	232	1,390	322,480	12.1	39,020
1952	201	-	201	10	191	1,605	306,555	11.3	34,641
1953	187	-	187	8	179	1,510	270,290	12.0	32,435
1954	183	-	183	7	176	1,425	250,800	13.4	33,607
1955	196	-	196	8	188	1,070	201,160	12.9	25,950
1956	206	-	206	8	198	1,775	351,450	11.8	41,471
1957	187	-	187	7	180	1,700	306,000	10.5	32,130
1958	183	-	183	5	178	1,860	331,080	10.8	35,757
1959	183	-	183	5	178	1,580	281,240	10.7	30,093

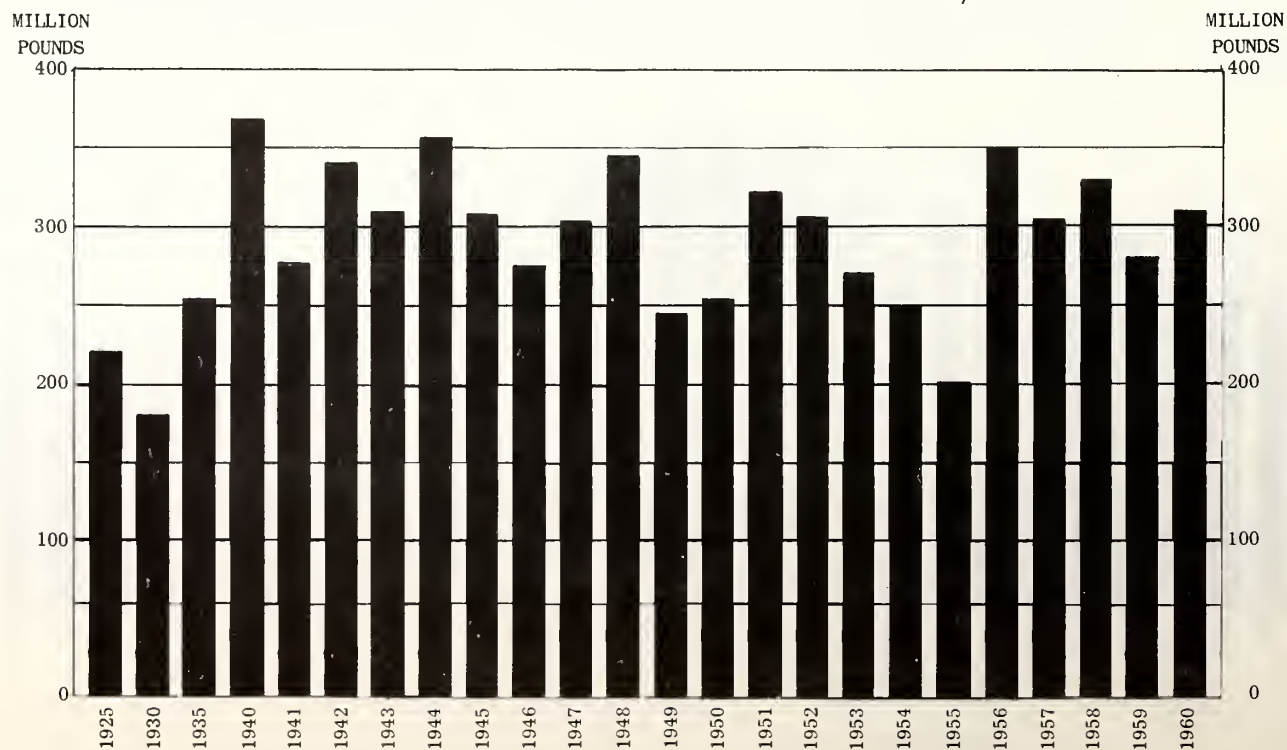
ACRES PEANUTS PICKED AND THRESHED, NORTH CAROLINA, 1920-1960



PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND VALUE OF PEANUTS, NORTH CAROLINA, 1909-1959

Year	Production (Picked and Threshed)	Total Used For Seed	USED ON FARM WHERE GROWN			Sold	Season's Average Price	VALUE OF		
			For Seed	Fed and Lost	Home Use			Production	Home Use	Sales
	Thousand Pounds						Per Pound	Thousand Dollars		
1909	121,500	12,375	9,900	2,430	2,175	106,995	4.1	4,982	-	4,387
1910	136,400	12,375	9,900	2,728	2,025	121,747	4.2	5,729	-	5,113
1911	119,350	12,000	9,600	2,148	2,025	105,577	3.9	4,655	-	4,118
1912	122,250	11,250	9,000	2,200	1,950	109,100	4.0	4,890	-	4,364
1913	126,000	12,375	9,900	2,016	1,875	112,209	4.0	5,040	-	4,488
1914	129,425	13,875	11,100	2,071	2,025	114,229	3.9	5,048	-	4,455
1915	140,180	15,375	12,300	2,103	2,250	123,527	4.1	5,747	-	5,065
1916	177,450	12,225	9,780	2,662	2,325	162,683	4.8	8,518	-	7,809
1917	145,350	10,875	8,700	2,035	1,875	132,740	8.3	12,064	-	11,017
1918	139,400	10,125	8,100	1,812	1,725	127,763	8.0	11,152	-	10,221
1919	141,624	10,125	8,100	1,699	1,575	130,250	10.4	14,729	-	13,546
1920	127,386	11,250	9,000	1,783	1,688	114,915	5.1	6,497	-	5,861
1921	142,410	11,625	9,300	1,709	1,792	129,609	5.4	7,690	-	6,999
1922	130,500	12,750	10,200	1,827	1,905	116,568	6.1	7,960	-	7,111
1923	176,000	15,375	12,300	1,408	2,010	160,282	6.7	11,792	-	10,739
1924	180,500	15,750	12,600	1,444	2,122	164,334	6.5	11,732	-	10,682
1925	218,500	15,675	12,540	1,311	2,235	202,414	4.1	8,958	-	8,299
1926	200,850	17,550	14,040	1,205	2,340	183,265	4.6	9,239	-	8,430
1927	220,500	16,350	13,080	1,323	2,452	203,645	5.6	12,348	-	11,404
1928	210,000	18,150	14,520	1,260	2,558	191,662	5.1	10,710	-	9,775
1929	224,400	16,950	13,560	1,346	2,670	206,824	3.4	7,630	-	7,032
1930	178,350	20,175	16,140	1,427	2,400	158,383	3.4	6,064	-	5,385
1931	275,000	20,925	16,740	1,100	2,738	254,422	1.6	4,400	-	4,071
1932	229,500	15,900	12,720	918	2,812	213,050	1.4	3,213	-	2,983
1933	180,500	18,900	15,120	2,166	2,212	161,002	3.0	5,415	-	4,830
1934	252,280	18,000	14,400	1,009	2,618	234,253	3.4	8,578	-	7,965
1935	252,000	19,350	15,480	1,008	2,512	233,000	3.2	8,064	-	7,456
1936	258,000	18,750	15,000	1,032	2,588	239,380	4.2	10,836	-	10,054
1937	307,400	19,125	14,334	1,230	2,625	289,201	3.4	10,452	-	9,833
1938	244,110	19,650	14,148	976	2,662	226,324	3.5	8,544	-	7,921
1939	291,550	20,400	15,096	1,166	2,700	272,588	3.6	10,496	97	9,813
1940	367,510	19,360	15,682	1,467	2,920	347,441	3.5	12,863	102	12,160
1941	274,800	25,830	21,439	1,063	3,258	249,040	5.4	14,839	176	13,448
1942	338,850	28,620	23,468	1,000	3,330	311,052	7.4	25,075	246	23,018
1943	307,500	28,440	21,614	900	3,564	281,422	7.4	22,755	264	20,825
1944	354,000	30,780	23,085	1,062	3,510	326,343	8.8	31,152	309	28,718
1945	304,000	26,394	21,115	912	2,470	279,503	9.2	27,968	227	25,714
1946	272,875	26,520	21,216	819	2,520	248,320	10.2	27,833	257	25,329
1947	300,760	26,775	21,152	902	2,450	276,256	11.0	33,084	270	30,388
1948	346,625	20,825	16,452	1,039	2,450	326,684	10.8	37,436	265	35,282
1949	242,650	19,200	14,016	485	2,205	225,944	10.8	26,206	238	24,402
1950	251,970	19,360	13,552	504	2,240	235,674	12.6	31,748	282	29,695
1951	322,480	16,080	11,256	645	2,100	308,479	12.1	39,020	254	37,326
1952	306,555	14,025	9,818	307	1,995	294,435	11.3	34,641	225	33,271
1953	270,290	14,640	10,248	270	1,925	257,847	12.0	32,435	231	30,942
1954	250,800	14,850	10,395	251	1,925	238,229	13.4	33,607	258	31,923
1955	204,250	16,640	11,648	204	2,030	190,368	12.9	26,348	262	24,557
1956	351,450	14,960	10,472	351	2,135	338,492	11.8	41,471	252	39,942
1957	306,000	14,800	10,360	306	2,100	293,234	10.5	32,130	220	30,790
1958	331,080	14,640	10,248	331	2,030	318,471	10.8	35,757	219	34,395
1959	281,240	15,555	10,888	285	1,995	271,632	10.7	30,093	213	29,065

NORTH CAROLINA PEANUT PRODUCTION, 1925-1960



PEANUTS: Acreage, Yield, And Production, 1949-58, 1959 and 1960, United States

STATE	ACREAGE HARVESTED L/			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	Average 1949-58	1959	1960	Average 1949-58	1959	1960	Average 1949-58	1959	1960
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Pounds</i>			<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		
Virginia.....	121	104	104	1,802	1,910	1,900	215,623	198,640	197,600
North Carolina.....	198	178	178	1,450	1,580	1,750	283,444	281,240	311,500
Tennessee.....	3	2	2	790	925	900	2,398	1,850	1,800
Total (Va., N.C. area)	322	284	284	1,577	1,696	1,799	501,464	481,730	510,900
South Carolina.....	13	11	11	835	800	1,100	10,766	8,800	12,100
Georgia.....	568	484	472	915	1,120	1,275	518,657	542,080	601,800
Florida.....	59	49	48	932	900	1,200	54,490	44,100	57,600
Alabama.....	246	201	195	863	800	1,100	212,213	160,800	214,500
Mississippi.....	7	5	5	386	400	400	2,794	2,000	2,000
Total (S.E. Area).....	893	750	731	897	1,010	1,215	798,920	757,780	888,000
Arkansas.....	6	3	2	395	450	450	2,200	1,350	900
Oklahoma.....	137	118	110	714	1,115	1,350	95,781	131,570	148,500
Texas.....	330	289	275	542	715	775	185,392	206,635	213,125
New Mexico.....	6	6	6	1,233	1,950	1,900	7,514	11,700	11,400
Total (S.W. Area).....	480	416	393	598	844	951	291,264	351,255	373,925
United States.....	1,695	1,450	1,408	902	1,097	1,259	1,591,648	1,590,765	1,772,825

L/ Equivalent solid acreage. (acreage grown alone, with an allowance for acreage grown with other crops.)



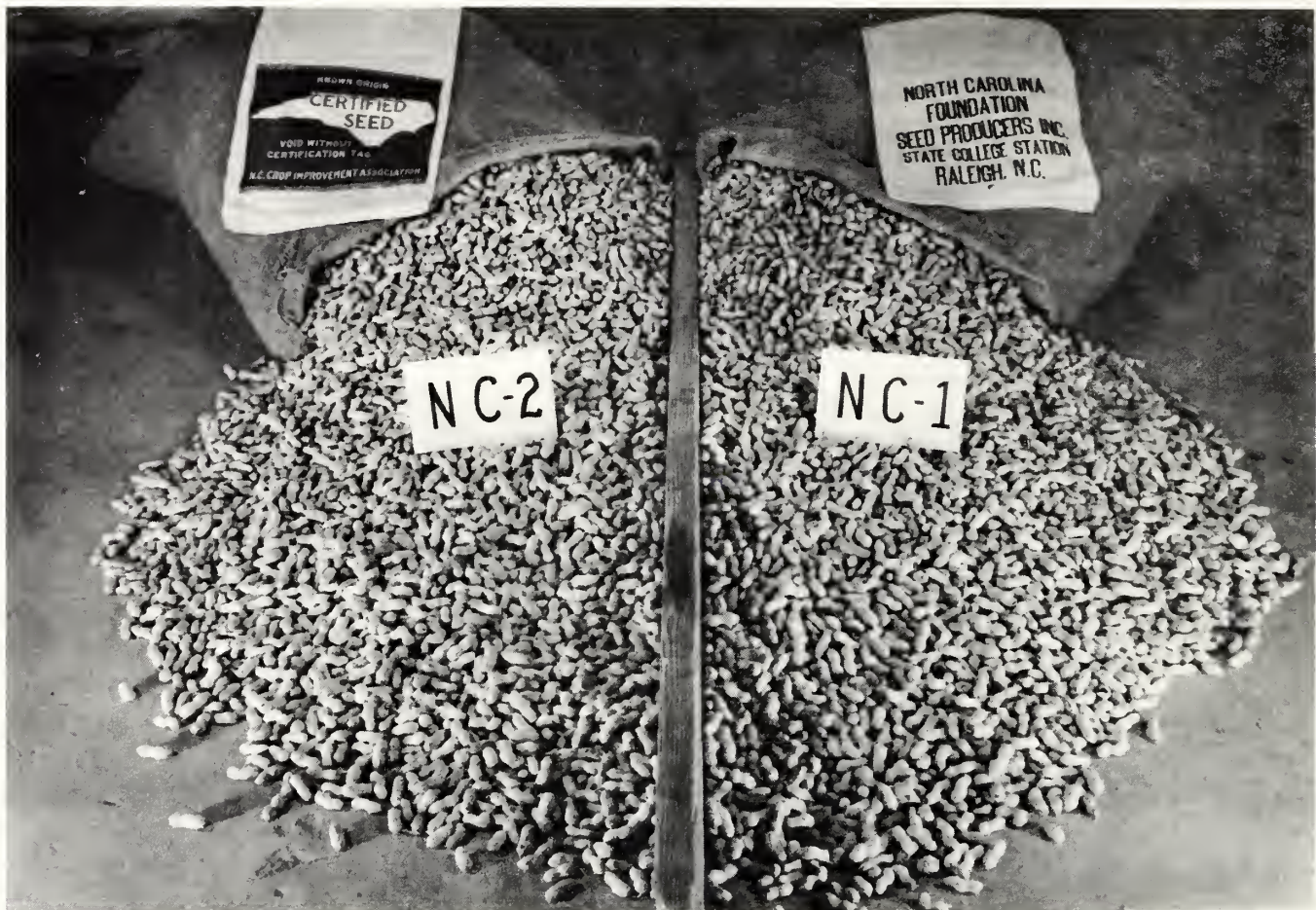
Picking peanuts by combine.



Portable peanut picker.

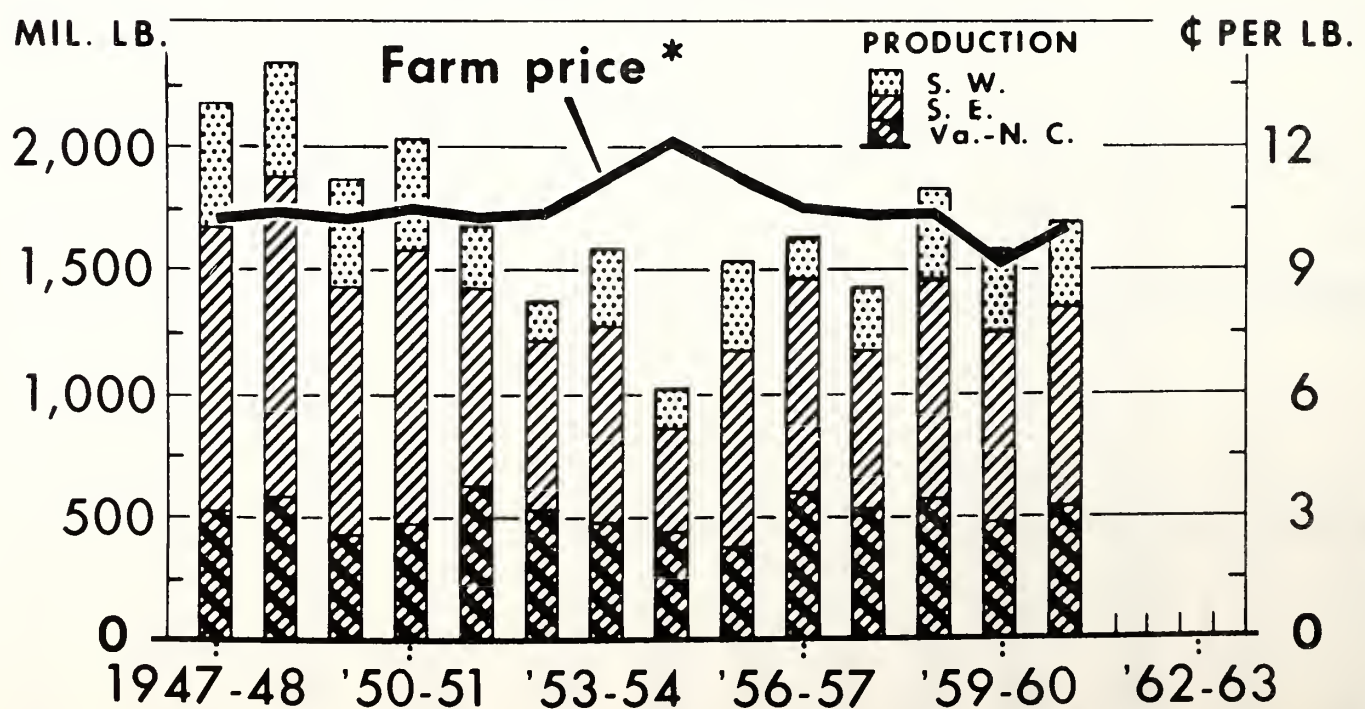


Peanuts being moved from field to portable picker.



Peanut Prices Likely To Increase Slightly

Farmers' Stock Basis



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