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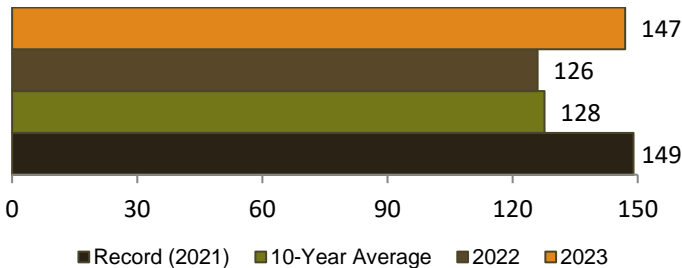
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2023 CROP SUMMARY

Corn for Grain

- North Carolina farmers harvested 900,000 acres of corn for grain in 2023, up 125,000 acres from 2022.
- Yield averaged 147 bushels per acre, up 21 bushels from the 126 bushels per acre averaged in 2022.
- Production at 132.3 million bushels was 35% higher than the 2022 total of 97.65 million bushels.

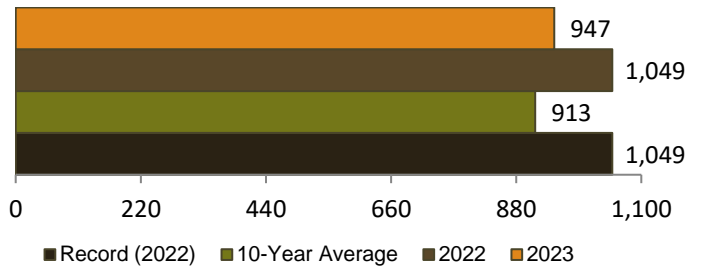
Corn for Grain Yield - (Bushels)



Cotton

- Cotton acres harvested in 2023 totaled 370,000, down 90,000 acres from the 460,000 harvested in 2022.
- Yield averaged 947 pounds per acre, down 102 pounds per acre from last year.
- Production at 730,000 bales was down 27% from the 1,005,000 bales produced in 2022.

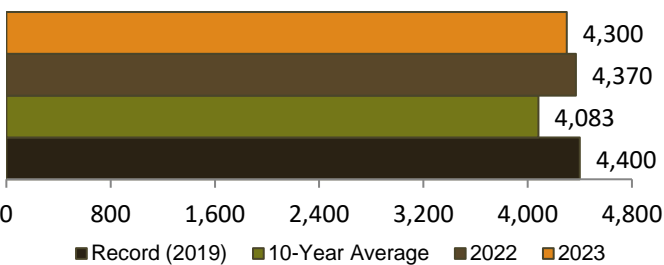
Upland Cotton Yield - (Pounds)



Peanuts

- North Carolina farmers harvested 123,000 acres of peanuts in 2023, 7,000 acres higher than the 116,000 acres harvested in 2022.
- Yield per acre at 4,300 pounds was down 70 pounds from the 2022 estimate.
- Production at 528.9 million pounds was up 4% from 506.92 million pounds of peanuts produced in 2022.

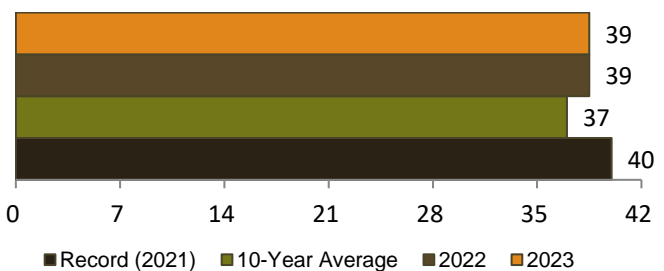
Peanut Yield - (Pounds)



Soybeans

- Soybean acres harvested in 2023 totaled 1.63 million. This was down 50,000 acres from the 1.68 million acres harvested in 2022.
- Yield averaged 39 bushels per acre, which is the same as the 2022 average.
- Production totaled 63 million bushels, down 3% from last year's production of 65 million bushels.

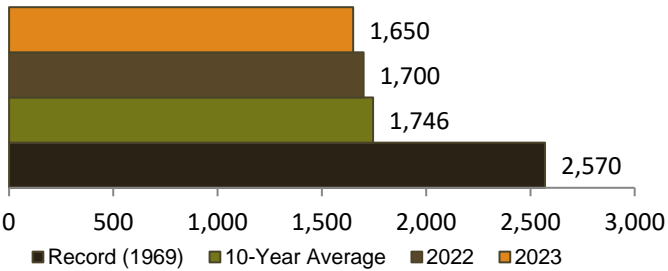
Soybean Yield - (Bushels)



Burley Tobacco

- North Carolina farmers harvested 120 acres of burley tobacco in 2023, down 40 acres from last year.
- Yield averaged 1,650 pounds per acre, down from the 1,700 pounds per acre averaged in 2022.
- Production at 198,000 pounds was down 27% from last year's production at 272,000 pounds

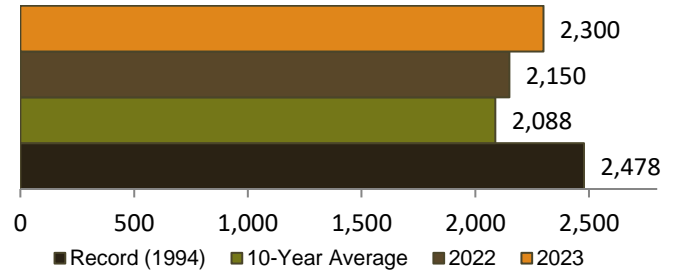
Burley Tobacco Yield - (Pounds)



Flue-cured Tobacco

- North Carolina farmers harvested 113,000 acres of flue-cured tobacco in 2023, down 2,000 acres from last year.
- Yield averaged 2,300 pounds per acre, up from the 2,150 pounds per acre averaged in 2022.
- Production at 259.9 million pounds up 5% from last year's production at 247.25 million pounds

Flue-cured Tobacco Yield - (Pounds)



NORTH CAROLINA CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION

Crops	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production		Percent
		2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	Change
		<i>(Thousands)</i>		<i>(Thousands)</i>				<i>(Thousands)</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Barley	Bu.	16	16	11	10	69	76	759	760	0
Corn for Grain ¹	Bu.	820	950	775	900	126	147	97,650	132,300	+35
Corn for Silage	Ton			30	30	14	18	420	540	+29
Cotton: Upland ²	Lb.	470	380	460	370	1,049	947	1,005	730	-27
Hay: All	Ton			646	657	2.21	2.11	1,426	1,383	-3
Hay: Alfalfa ³	Ton			6	7	3.00	2.60	18	18	0
Hay: Other	Ton			640	650	2.20	2.10	1,408	1,365	-3
Oats	Bu.	40	37	11	14	77	77	847	1,078	+27
Peanuts	Lb.	117	124	116	123	4,370	4,300	506,920	528,900	+4
Soybeans for Beans	Bu.	1,700	1,640	1,680	1,630	38.5	38.5	64,680	62,755	-3
Tobacco: All	Lb.			115.16	113.12	3,850	3,950	247,522	260,098	+5
Tobacco: Flue-Cured	Lb.			115.0	113.0	2,150	2,300	247,250	259,900	+5
Tobacco: Burley	Lb.			0.16	0.12	1,700	1,650	272	198	-27
Wheat: Winter	Bu.	480	480	375	400	64.0	70.0	24,000	28,000	+17

¹ Planted for all purposes. ² Production in 480-lb net weight bale. Production ginned and to be ginned. ³ Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures.

Winter Wheat Seedings - (Thousand Acres)

