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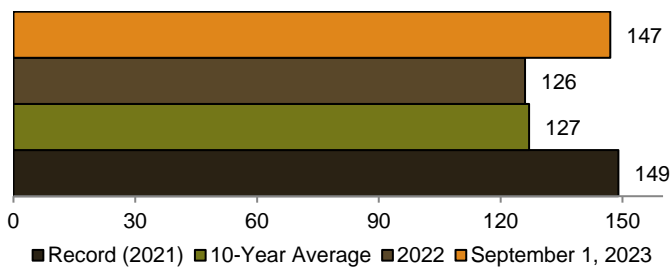
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## NORTH CAROLINA CORN AND PEANUTS SHOW INCREASES IN PRODUCTION ESTIMATES

### Corn for grain

- Yield estimate of 147 bushels per acre is up 21 bushels per acre from last year's yield of 126 bushels per acre.
- Production forecast at 132.3 million bushels is up 34% from the 98.9 million bushels produced last year.
- Harvested acres projected at 900,000 are up from the 785,000 acres harvested in 2022.

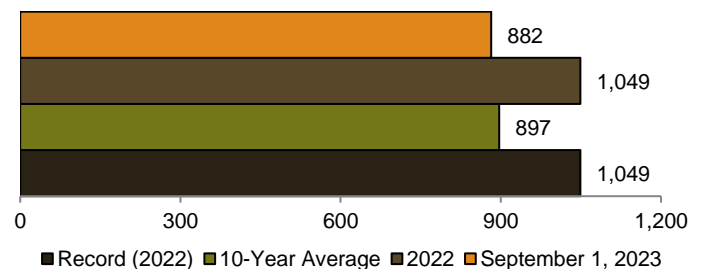
Corn for Grain Yield - (*Bushels*)



### Cotton

- Yield estimate of 882 pounds per acre is down 167 pounds per acre from last year's yield of 1,049 pounds per acre.
- Production forecast at 680,000 bales is down 32% from last year's production of 1,005,000 bales.
- Harvested acres projected at 370,000 are down from the 460,000 acres harvested in 2022.

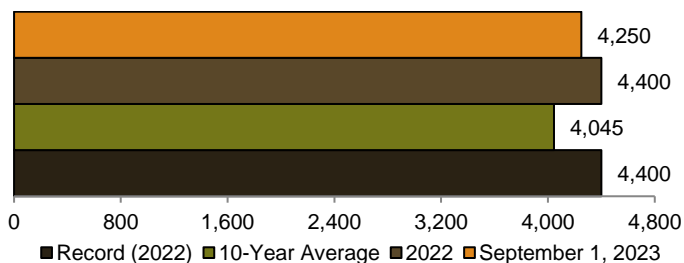
Upland Cotton Yield - (*Pounds*)



### Peanuts

- Yield estimate of 4,250 pounds per acre is down 150 pounds per acre from last year's estimate.
- Production forecast at 522.8 million pounds is up 2% from last year's production of 510.4 million.
- Harvested acres projected at 123,000 acres are up from the 116,000 acres harvested in 2022.

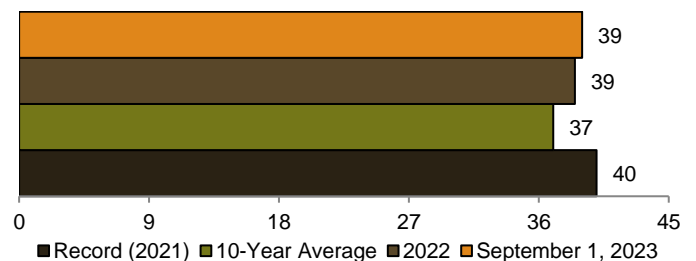
Peanut Yield - (*Pounds*)



### Soybeans

- Yield estimate of 39.0 bushels per acre is up 0.5 bushels per acre from last year's yield of 38.5 bushels per acre.
- Production forecast at 64.0 million bushels is down 2% from last year's production of 65.1 million bushels.
- Harvested acres projected at 1.64 million acres are down 50,000 acres from last year.

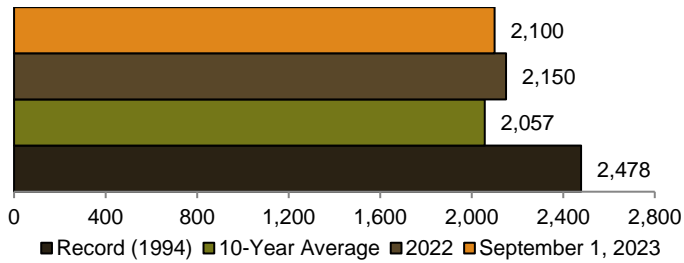
Soybean Yield - (*Bushels*)



## Flue-Cured Tobacco

- Yield estimate of 2,100 pounds per acre is down 50 pounds per acre from last year.
- Production forecast at 237.3 million pounds per acre is down 5% from last year's production of 249.4 million pounds.
- Harvested acres projected at 113,000 are down from the 116,000 acres harvested in 2022.

### Flue-Cured Tobacco - (Pounds)



ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023									
Crops	Unit	Harvested		Yield			Production		Percent Change
		2022	2023	2022	2023		2022	2023	
					August 1	September 1			
		<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Unit per Acre</i>			<i>Thousands</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Corn for Grain	Bu.	785	900	126	147	147	98,910	132,300	+34
Cotton: Upland <sup>1</sup>	Lb.	460	370	1,049	1025	882	1,005	680	-32
Peanuts	Lb.	116	123	4,400	4,300	4,250	510,400	522,750	+2
Soybeans	Bu.	1,690	1,640	38.5	40.0	39.0	65,065	63,960	-2
Tobacco: Flue Cured	Lb.	116	113	2,150	2,200	2,100	249,400	237,300	-5
Tobacco: Burley	Lb.	0.16	0.12	1,700	1,900	2,000	272	240	-12

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