



# NEWS RELEASE

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## N.C. FARMERS TO PLANT MORE COTTON, PEANUTS, AND LESS CORN, SOYBEANS, AND WHEAT

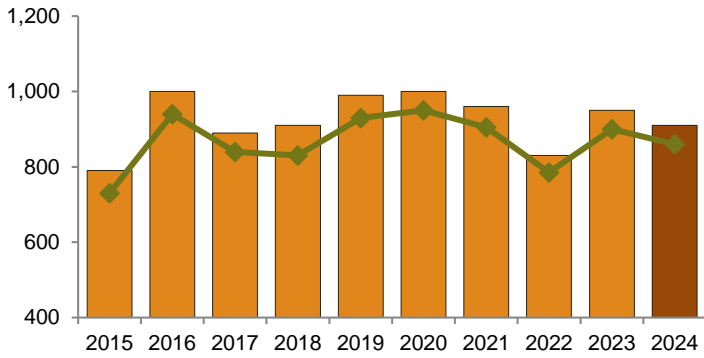
- ◆ **Corn** plantings are expected to total 910,000 acres in 2024, down 4% from 2023.
- ◆ **Cotton** growers intend to plant 410,000 acres in 2024, up 8% from last year.
- ◆ **Flue-cured tobacco** growers expect to harvest 114,000 acres in 2024, up 1% from 2023.
- ◆ **Soybean** plantings, at 1.55 million acres, down 5% from 2023.
- ◆ **Peanut** growers intend to plant 125,000 acres in 2024, up 1% from the planted acreage in 2023.
- ◆ **Hay** producers expect to cut 646,000 acres in 2024, down 1% from the 2023 estimate.
- ◆ **Winter wheat** plantings totaled 410,000 acres, down 15% from last year.

### NORTH CAROLINA CROP ACREAGES, JUNE 1

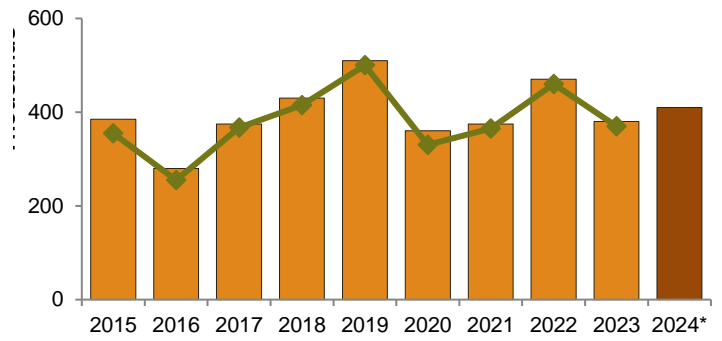
Crops	Planted		Harvested		Change (Planted Acres) +/-
	2023	2024	2023	2024	
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Thousand Acres</i>		
Barley	16	16	10	10	0
Corn for Grain <sup>1</sup>	950	910	900	860	-4
Cotton	380	410	370	<sup>3</sup>	+8
Hay: All	-	-	657	646	-2
Hay: Alfalfa	-	-	7	6	-14
Hay: Other	-	-	650	640	-2
Oats <sup>2</sup>	37	34	14	12	-8
Peanuts	124.0	125.0	123.0	124.0	+1
Soybeans	1,640	1,550	1,630	1,540	-5
Tobacco: Flue-cured	-	-	113.00	114.00	+1
Wheat <sup>2</sup>	480	410	400	320	-15

<sup>1</sup> Planted for all purposes. <sup>2</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall. <sup>3</sup> Estimates to be released August 2024 in the Crop Production report.

**NC Corn for Grain - (Thousand Acres)**



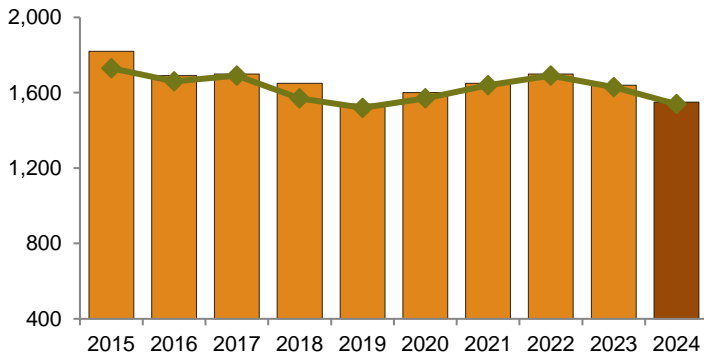
**NC Upland Cotton - (Thousand Acres)**



\* Harvested Acres to be released August 2024 in the Crop Production report.

Planted Harvested

**NC Soybeans- (Thousand Acres)**



Planted Harvested

**NC Peanuts - (Thousand Acres)**

