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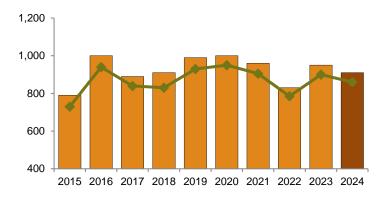
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N.C. FARMERS TO PLANT MORE COTTON, PEANUTS, AND LESS CORN, SOYBEANS, AND WHEAT

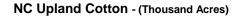
- Corn plantings are expected to total 910,000 acres in 2024, down 4% from 2023.
- Cotton growers intend to plant 410,000 acres in 2024, up 8% from last year.
- Flue-cured tobacco growers expect to harvest 114,000 acres in 2024, up 1% from 2023.
- **Soybean** plantings, at 1.55 million acres, down 5% 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.

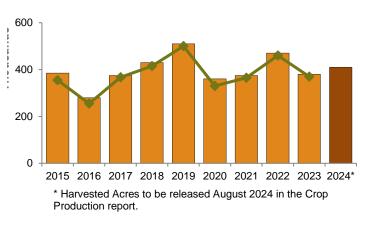
NORTH CAROLINA CROP ACREAGES, JUNE 1					
Crops	Planted		Harvested		Change
	2023	2024	2023	2024	(Planted Acres)
	Thousand Acres		Thousand Acres		+/-
Barley	16	16	10	10	0
Corn for Grain ¹	950	910	900	860	-4
Cotton	380	410	370	3	+8
Hay: All	-	-	657	646	-2
Hay: Alfalfa	-	-	7	6	-14
Hay: Other	-	-	650	640	-2
Oats ²	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 ²	480	410	400	320	-15

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



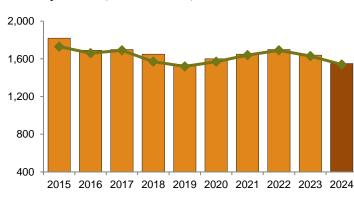
NC Corn for Grain - (Thousand Acres)





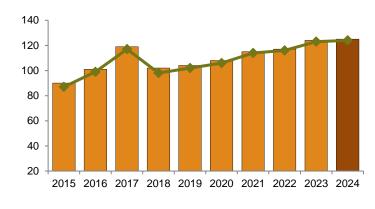
Planted





NC Soybeans- (Thousand Acres)

NC Peanuts - (Thousand Acres)





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