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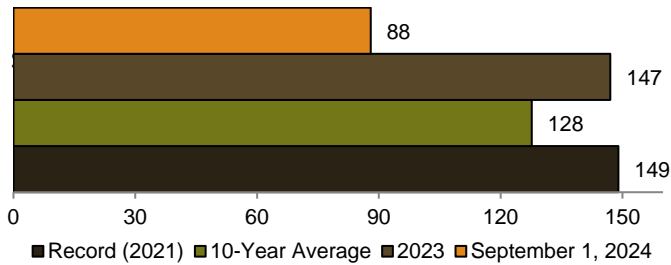
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## NORTH CAROLINA CORN & SOYBEANS PRODUCTION ESTIMATES DOWN, COTTON UP & PEANUTS UNCHANGED

### Corn for Grain

- Yield estimate of 88 bushels per acre is down 59 bushels per acre from last year's yield of 147 bushels per acre.
- Production forecast at 73.92 million bushels is down 44% from the 132.3 million bushels produced last year.
- Harvested acres projected at 840,000 are down from the 900,000 acres harvested in 2023.

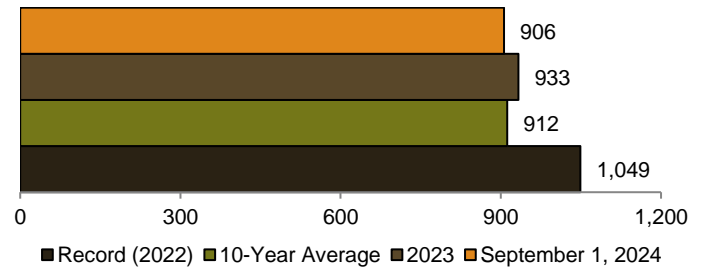
Corn for Grain Yield - (*Bushels*)



### Cotton

- Yield estimate of 906 pounds per acre is down 27 pounds per acre from last year's yield of 933 pounds per acre.
- Production forecast at 755,000 bales is up 5% from last year's production of 719,000 bales.
- Harvested acres projected at 400,000 are up from the 370,000 acres harvested in 2023.

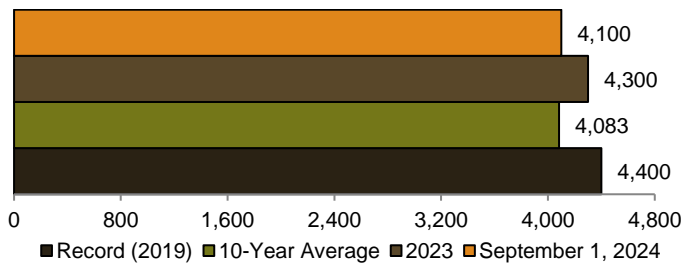
Upland Cotton Yield - (*Pounds*)



### Peanuts

- Yield estimate of 4,100 pounds per acre is down 200 pounds per acre from last year's estimate.
- Production forecast at 528.9 million pounds remains unchanged from last year's production.
- Harvested acres projected at 129,000 acres are up from the 123,000 acres harvested in 2023.

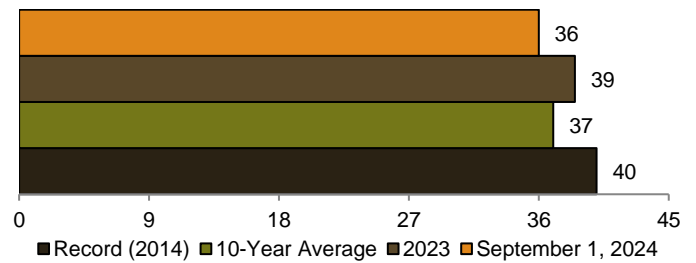
Peanut Yield - (*Pounds*)



### Soybeans

- Yield estimate of 36.0 bushels per acre is down 2.5 bushels per acre from last year's yield of 38.5 bushels per acre.
- Production forecast at 58.32 million bushels is down 7% from last year's production of 62.755 million bushels.
- Harvested acres projected at 1.62 million acres are down 10,000 acres from last year.

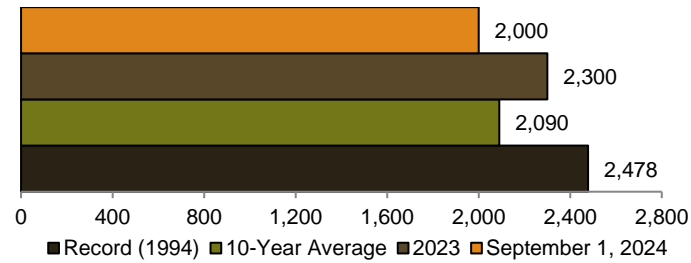
Soybean Yield - (*Bushels*)



### Flue-Cured Tobacco

- Yield estimate of 2,000 pounds per acre is down 300 pounds per acre from last year.
- Production forecast at 236.0 million pounds per acre is down 9% from last year's production of 259.9 million pounds.
- Harvested acres projected at 118,000 are up from the 113,000 acres harvested in 2023.

#### Flue-Cured Tobacco - (Pounds)



ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024									
Crops	Unit	Harvested		Yield			Production		
		2023	2024	2023	2024		2023	2024	Percent
					August 1	September 1			Change
		<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Unit per Acre</i>			<i>Thousands</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Corn for Grain	Bu.	900	840	147	100	88	132,300	73,920	-44
Cotton: Upland <sup>1</sup>	Lb.	370	400	933	912	906	719	755	+5
Peanuts	Lb.	123	129	4,300	4,400	4,100	528,900	528,900	0
Soybeans	Bu.	1,630	1,620	38.5	36.0	36.0	62,755	58,320	-7
Tobacco: Flue Cured	Lb.	113	118	2,300	2,200	2,000	259,900	236,000	-9

<sup>1</sup> Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. Production ginned and to be ginned.