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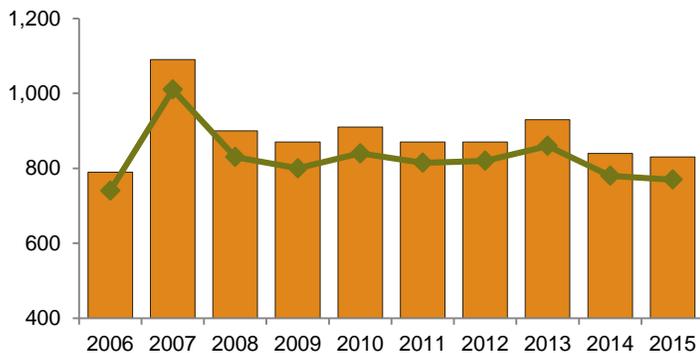
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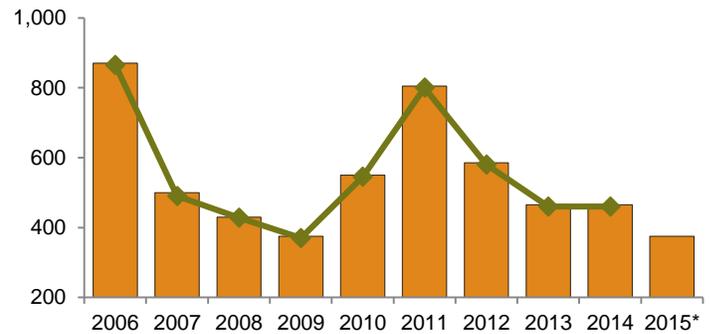
N.C. FARMERS TO PLANT MORE SOYBEANS, SWEET POTATOES AND PEANUTS

- ◆ **Corn** plantings are expected to total 830,000 acres in 2015, down 1% from 2014.
- ◆ **Cotton** growers intend to plant 375,000 acres in 2015, down 19% from last year.
- ◆ **Flue-cured tobacco** growers expect to harvest 160,000 acres in 2015, down 32,000 acres from 2014.
- ◆ **Burley tobacco** growers expect to harvest 1,100 acres in 2015, down 300 acres from last year.
- ◆ **Soybean** plantings, at 1.85 million acres, are expected to increase 6% from 2014.
- ◆ **Peanut** growers intend to plant 82,000 acres in 2015, down 13% from the planted acreage in 2014.
- ◆ **Sweet potato** growers intend to plant a record 75,000 acres, 2,000 more acres than last year's record.
- ◆ **Hay** producers expect to cut 727,000 acres in 2015, down 12% from 2014.
- ◆ **Winter wheat** plantings totaled 720,000 acres, down 13% from last year.

Corn for Grain - (Thousand Acres)



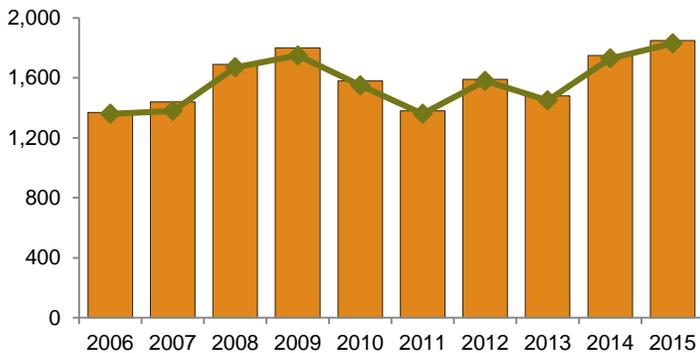
Upland Cotton - (Thousand Acres)



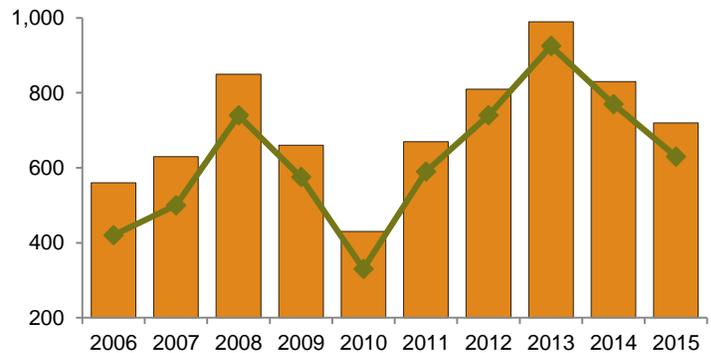
* Harvested Acres released on August 12, 2015

Planted Harvested

Soybeans- (Thousand Acres)

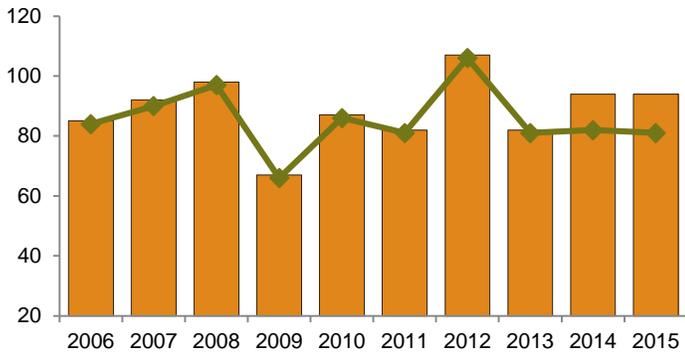


Winter Wheat - (Thousand Acres)

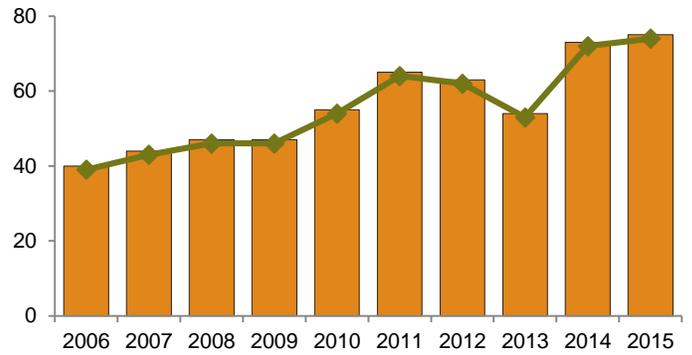


Planted Harvested

Peanuts - (Thousand Acres)



Sweet Potatoes- (Thousand Acres)



Planted Harvested

CROP ACREAGES, JUNE 1					
Crops	Planted		Harvested		Planted Percent Change +/-
	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	Thousand Acres		Thousand Acres		
North Carolina					
Barley ¹	20	20	15	14	0
Corn for Grain	840	830	780	770	-1
Cotton	465	375	460	²	-19
Hay: All	-	-	830	727	-12
Hay: Alfalfa	-	-	10	7	-30
Hay: Other	-	-	820	720	-12
Oats ¹	33	35	17	15	+6
Peanuts	94	82	93	81	-13
Potatoes ⁴	14.5	12.5	13.5	12.1	-14
Soybeans	1,750	1,850	1,730	1,830	+6
Sweet Potatoes	73	75	72	74	+3
Tobacco: All	-	-	193.4	161.1	-17
Tobacco: Burley	-	-	1.4	1.1	-21
Tobacco: Flue-cured	-	-	192.0	160.0	-17
Wheat ¹⁵	830	720	770	630	-13
United States					
Barley ¹	2,975	3,413	2,443	2,919	+15
Corn for Grain	90,597	88,897	83,136	81,101	-2
Cotton ³	11,037	8,998	9,347	²	-18
Hay: All	-	-	57,092	56,539	-1
Hay: Alfalfa	-	-	18,445	18,337	-1
Hay: Other	-	-	38,647	38,202	-1
Oats ¹	2,723	3,064	1,029	1,220	+13
Peanuts	1,354	1,600	1,325	1,565	+18
Potatoes ⁴	1,061.1	1,071.6	1,049.5	1,060.4	+1
Soybeans	83,701	85,139	83,061	84,449	+2
Sweet Potatoes	137.3	138.7	135.2	136.3	+1
Tobacco: All	-	-	378.4	321.0	-15
Tobacco: Burley	-	-	101.5	84.0	-17
Tobacco: Flue-cured	-	-	245.3	206.8	-16
Wheat ¹⁵	56,822	56,079	46,381	48,454	-1

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall. ² Released on August 12, 2015. ³ US includes Upland and American Pima. ⁴ US includes Spring, Summer and Fall Potatoes ⁵ US includes Winter, Durum and Other Spring wheat.