## N.C. FARM NEWS

Based on reports from growers as of September 1, production of fine-cured tobacco in North Carolina is forecast at 838,97',000 pounds by the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. A Tar Heel flue-cured crop of almost 839 million pounds would exceed 1966 production of 761,220,000 pounds by 10.2 percent, but fall short of the 1961-65 average production by 2.6 percent.

Average, yield and production forecast for North Carolina by types as compared with 1966 are as follows:

Type II - (Middle and Old Belts): Production 308,100,000 pounds from 158,000 acres with a yield of 1,950 pounds. The 1966 production was 176,120,000 pounds on 156,000 acres yielding an average of 1,770 pounds.

Type 12 - (Eastern or New Bright Belt): Production 413,-700,000 pounds from 197,000 acres with a yield of 2,100 pounds. In 1966 a production of 394,020,-000 pounds was harvested from 199.000 acres with a yield of 1,980 pounds.

Type 13 - (Border Belt): Production 117,175,000 pounds on 54,500 acres yielding 2,150 lbs. as against a 1966 crop of 91,080,-000 pounds on 49,500 acres with

Type 31 — (Burley Tobacco): Unfavorable weather conditions in the burley area decreased prospects and a yield of 2,100 pounds is now expected from 7,900 acres for a total production of 16,590,000 prunds. Last year 18,328,000 pounds were harvested from 7,900 acres with a yield of 2 320 pounds.

UNITED STATES: The National flue-cured estimate is for a production of 1.280.402 000 pounds for an increase of 15.6 percent from the 1,108.074.000 pounds produced last year.

Burley production is forecast at 546.495 000 poinds - down about 7 percent from the 1966 crop of 586,672,000.

North Carolina's grain sorghum production is forecast, as of September 1, at 2,160,000 bushels - 37.1 percent above the 1,575,000 bushels produced in 1966, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service.

Yield per acre is estimated at 48 bushels, 13 bushels above 1966 and 5.1 bushels above the 1961-65 average yield.

The acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 45,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

Based on reports from growers as of September 1, the 1967 soybean crop is expected to amount to a record 27,459,000 bushels, 32 percent above the previous record of 20,856,000 bushels produced in 1966, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. If this forecast materializes, the 1967 soybean production will almost triple the 1959 production

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Corn production in North Carolina is forecast at a record 107,700,000 bushels, up 77 percent from the 60,975,000 bushels produced in 1966, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. Yield per acre is estimated at a record 75 bushels, up 30 bushels from the rather poor crop of 1966, and 5 bushels above the previous record yield net in

of 9,396,000 bushels.

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This year's crop will be harvested from 1.017.000 acres as compared to 869,000 acres harverted last year. Seedings of sovbeans have been on a general upward trend for many years, and this year's acreage for beans is 17 percent above the previous record acreage harvested last year.

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