2005 Peanut Outlook









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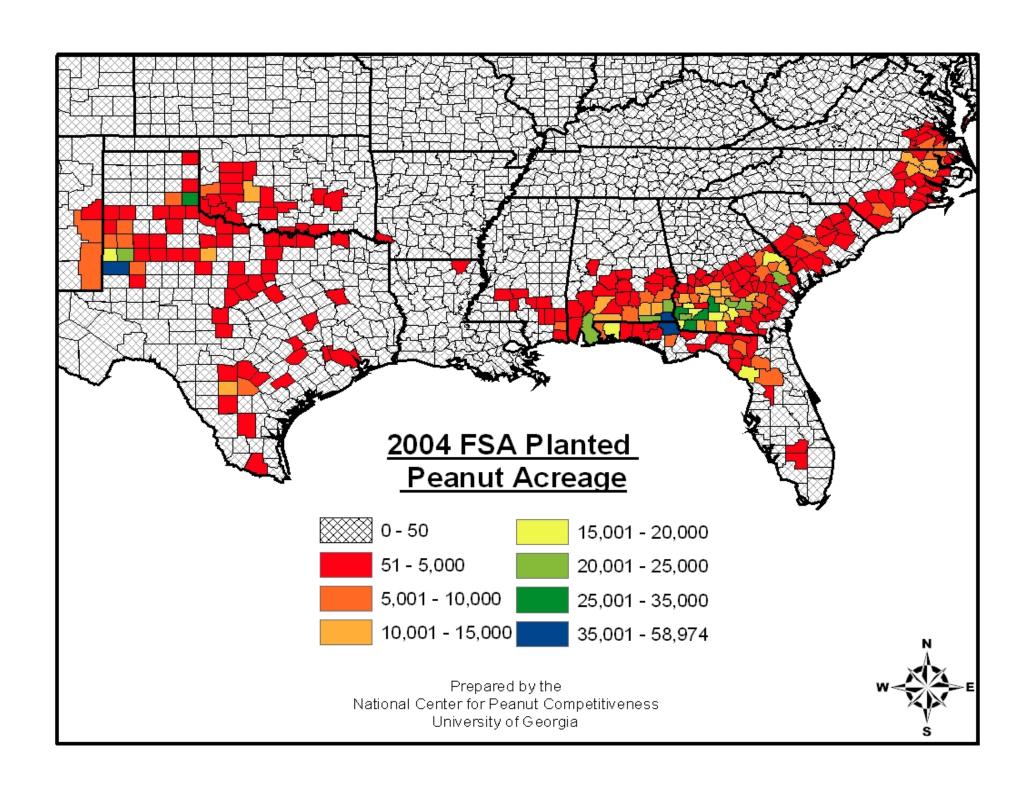
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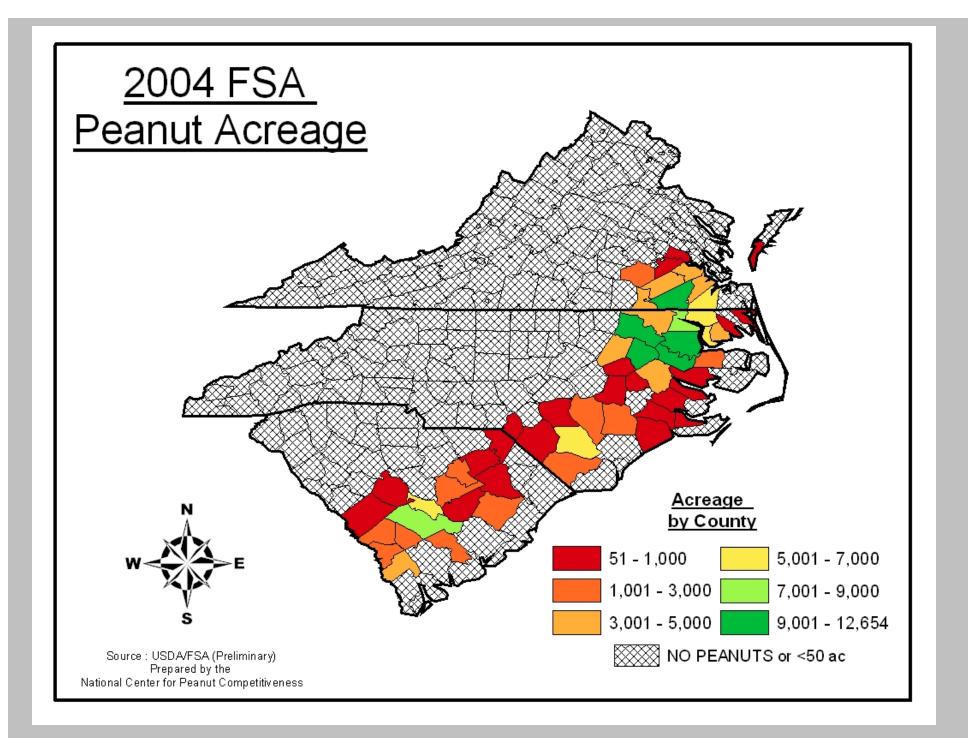
How Many Acres will be Planted in 2005??

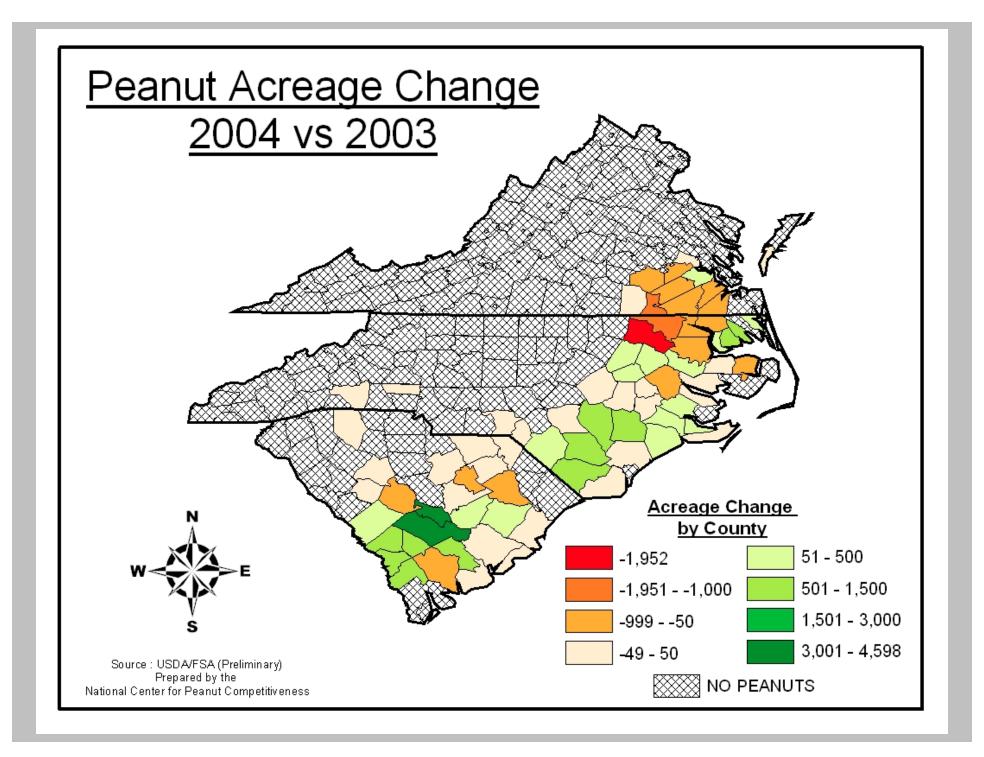


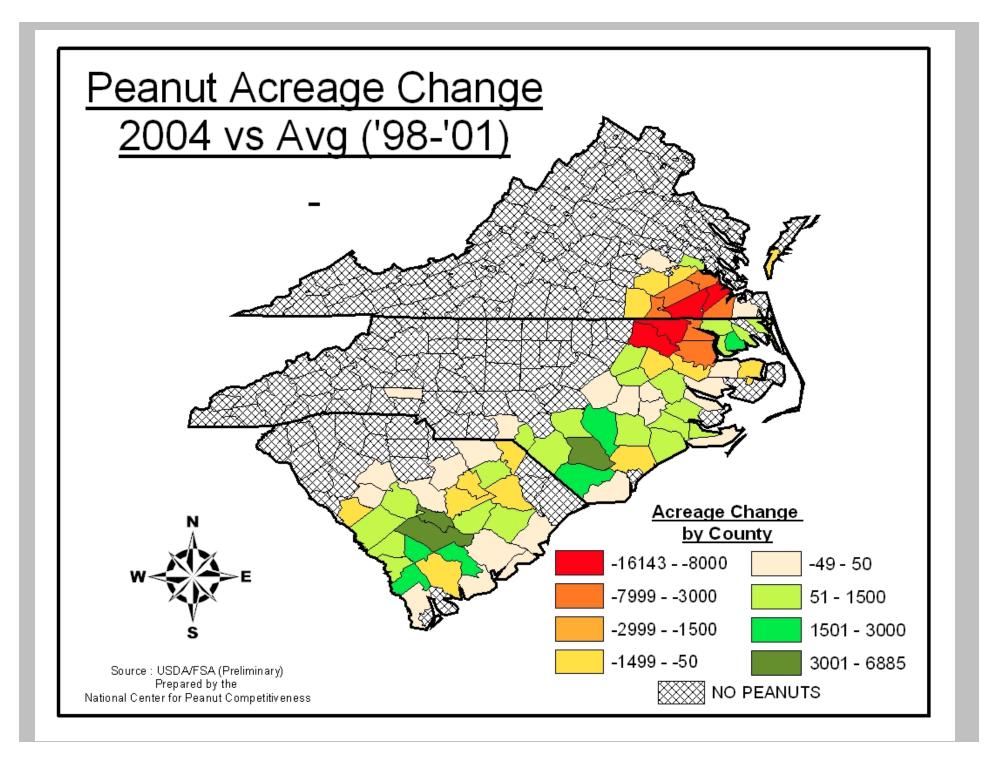


Planted Acreage in VC

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NC	123	123	101	101	105
SC	10.5	11	10	19	35
VA	76	75	58	34	33







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SC	10.5	11	10	19	35	60
VA	76	75	58	34	33	20-25

NORTH CAROLINA

Dr. David Jordan – North Carolina State Univ.

- Acres will probably be down in NC
- Situation is very depressing in V-C
- Low contract prices have created uncertainty relative to virginia market types
- No optimism at all
- Acreage could decrease by 35,000 acres in VA and NC
- Most people think contracts will not go up high enough to induce a lot of growers to plant

VIRGINIA

Dr. Joel Faircloth - Virginia Tech

- Contracts in VA are not only low, but they are 40% less available at any price
- VA crop will drop from low 30,000 to low 20,000 acres
- Not a lot of optimism about peanuts in VA
- Some producers want to plant more acres, even at lower price but they are being told "they don't need any more acres".

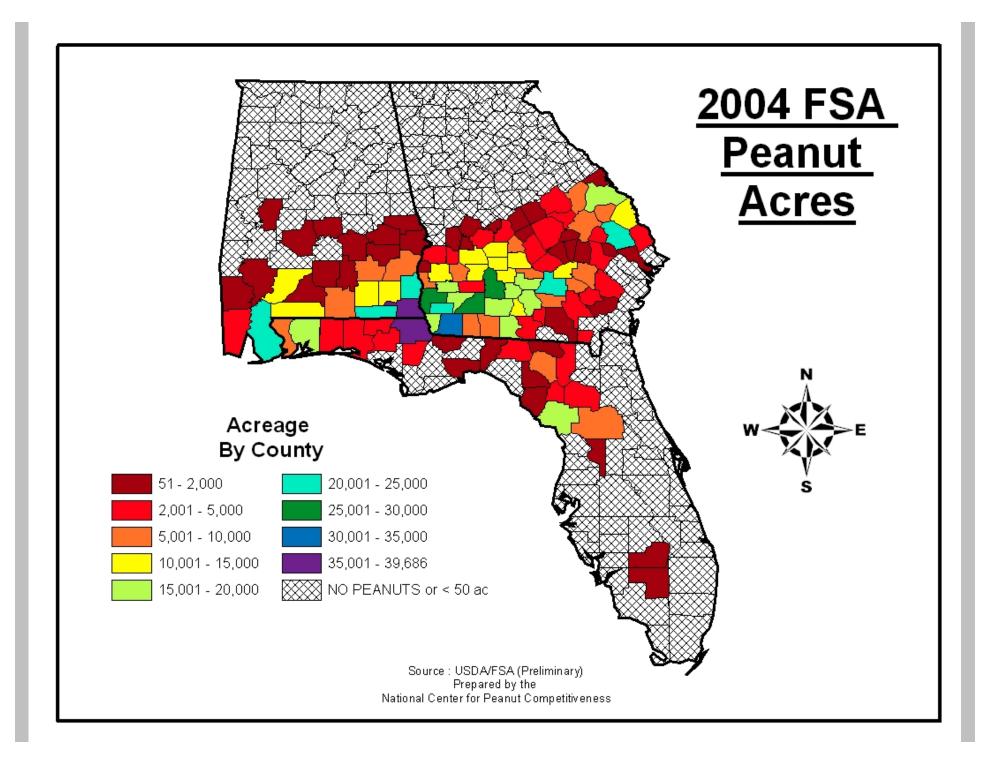
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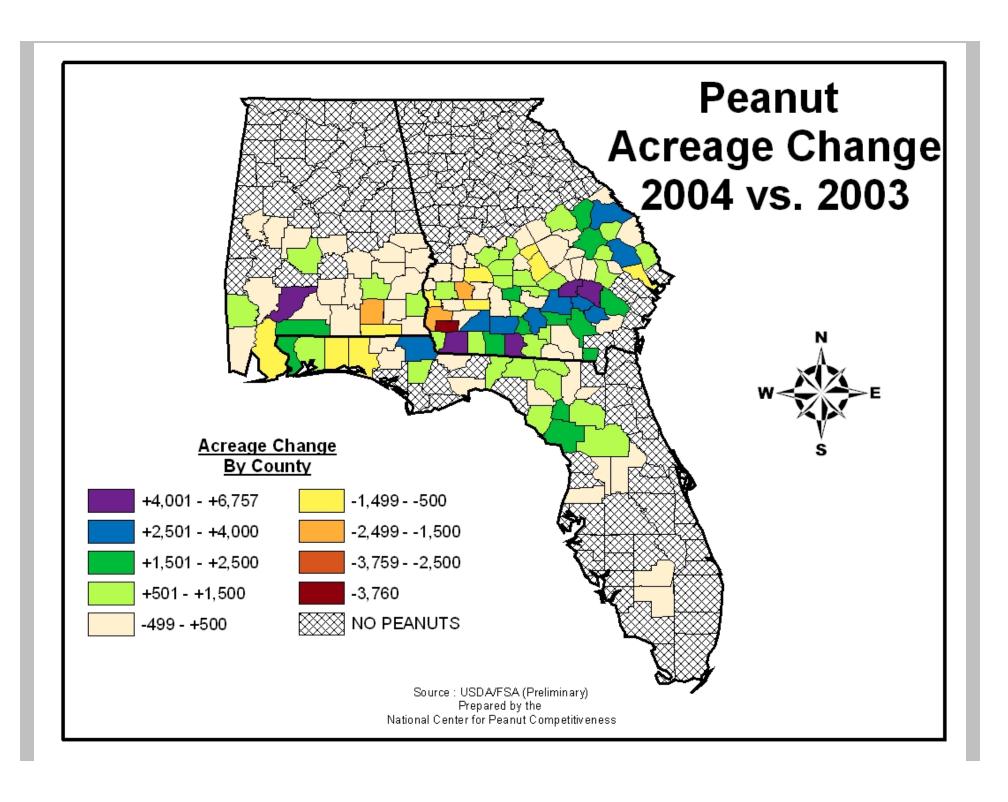
Dr. Jay Chapin – Clemson Univ.

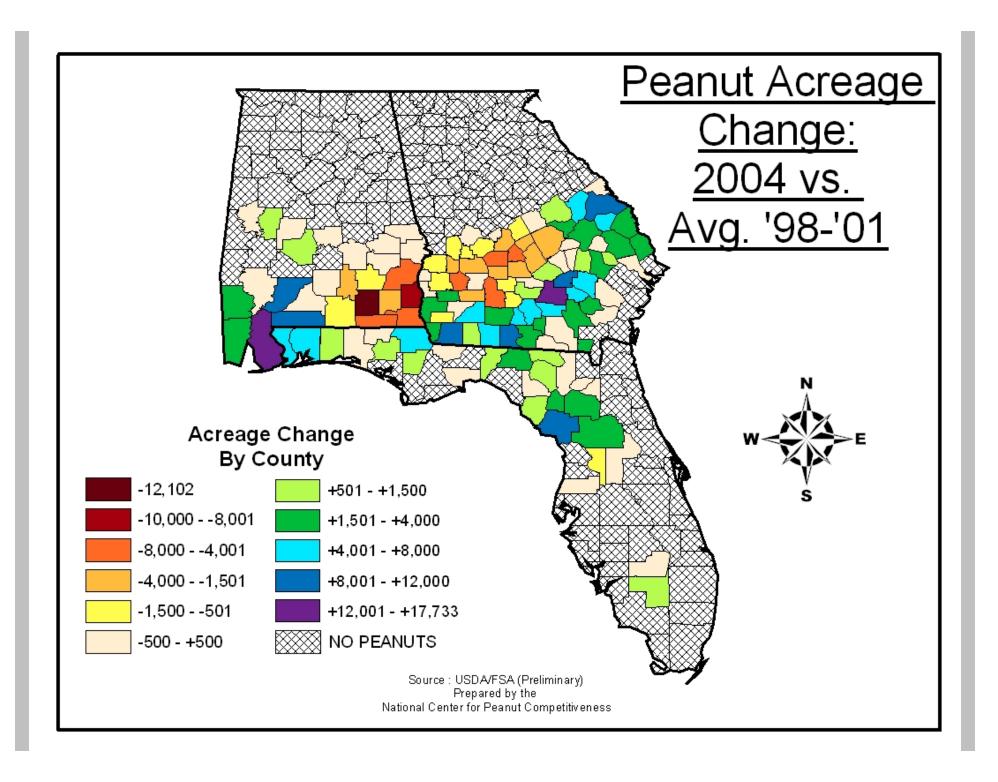
- Based on survey of buying points and some guess work, there could be 60,000 acres in SC
- Rough average of 40,000 acres of virginia-type and 20,000 acres of runner-type
 - Had about 80% of 33,000 acres in virginia-type in '04
- Most of new acreage is in dryland production
- Will need timely rain in July & August to make money (this is nothing new)

Planted Acreage in SE

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
AL	190	200	185	190	200
FL	94	90	96	125	145
GA	494	515	510	545	620







Planted Acreage in SE

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
AL	190	200	185	190	200	Up 3-5%
FL	94	90	96	125	145	Up 5-10%
GA	494	515	510	545	620	700+

GEORGIA

Dr. John Beasley – University of Georgia

- Acreage could top 700,000 if rumors are accurate
- Continued acreage increase in new areas
 - Appling Co. 70 acres in '02, 700 in '03, 7,000 in '04, could be 14,000+ in '05
- Nitrogen and potash prices have steered producers away from corn, and possibly cotton
- Major concern of compromising rotation
- Expect majority of acres to be planted in Georgia Green

FLORIDA

Dr. Ben Whitty – University of Florida

- Although the lower prices will damper enthusiasm, FL should see an increase in acreage
- New growers in new production areas have been producing good yields of 3500 lbs/A +
- There is still some "new" land available
- New buying points also favor increased acreage
- Expect a drop in acreage in areas with shortage of suitable land due to short rotations
- Acreage could increase by 5-10% statewide

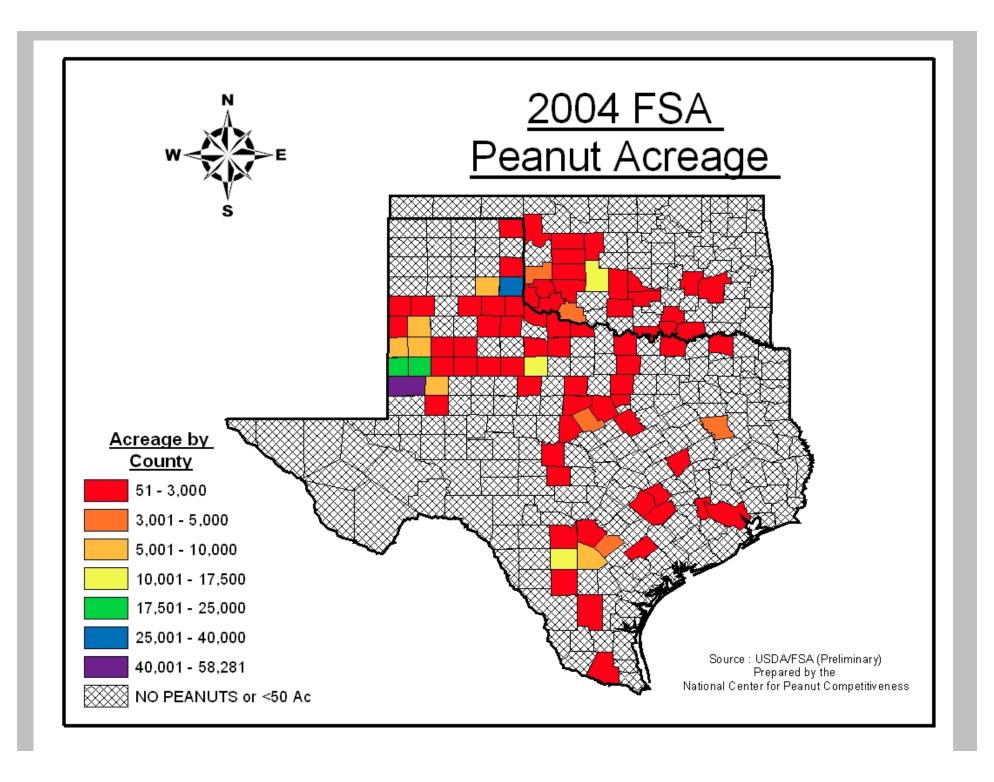
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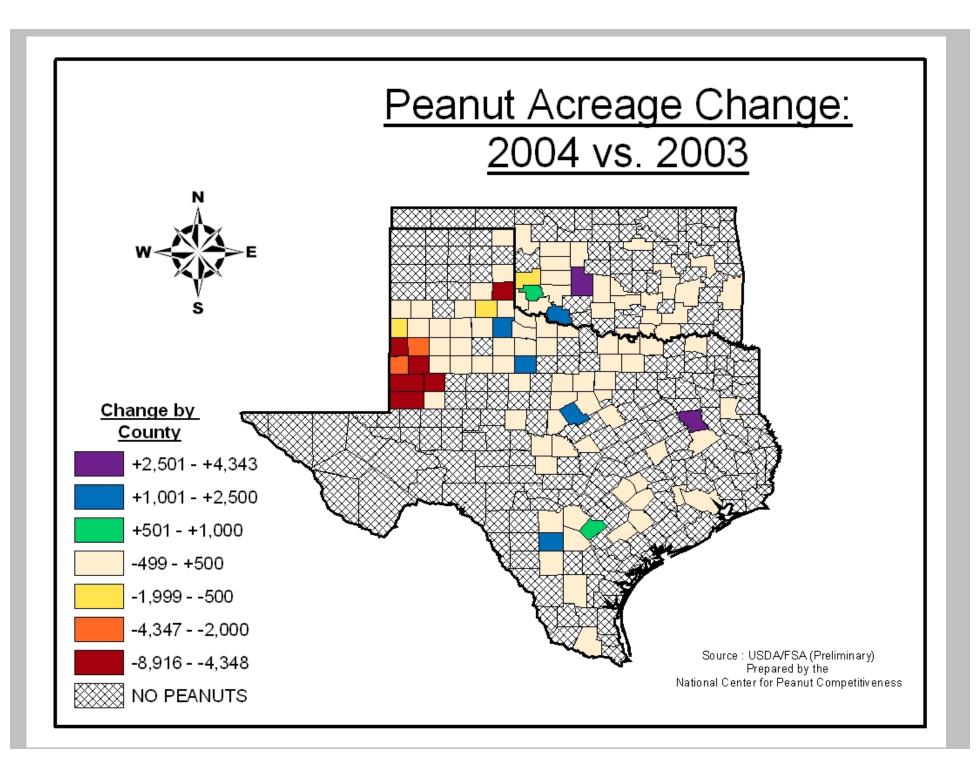
Dallas Hartzog – Auburn University

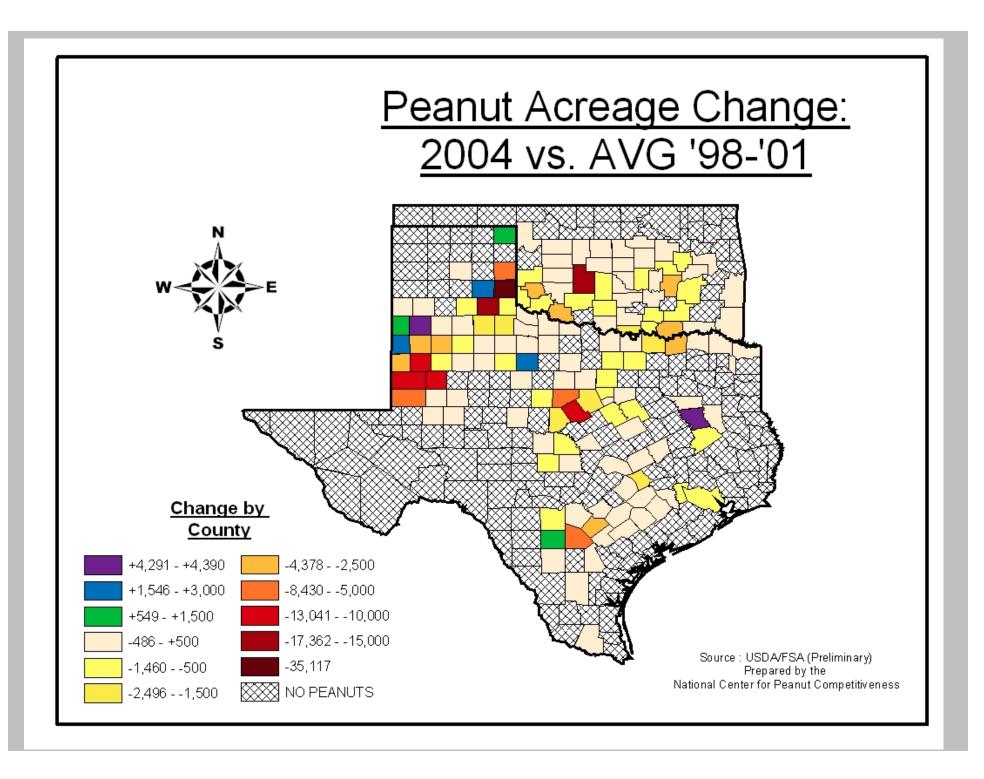
- Peanuts offer farmers in AL best hope of making a profit
- Many farmers are thinking of expanding, but few will do it
- Acreage expansion will probably be small
- Houston County is still growing 40,000 acres and a reduction there could be significant
- Some expansion in non-traditional counties
- Recently had 11 peanut counties, last year had25, could be 30 in 2005

Planted Acreage in SW

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
NM	27.3	22.2	18	18	17
OK	97	80	60	37	35
TX	425	425	315	275	240







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NM	27.3	22.2	18	18	17	?
OK	97	80	60	37	35	<30
TX	425	425	315	275	240	Same ?

OKLAHOMA

Dr. John Damicone – Oklahoma State Univ.

- Situation in OK is grim
- Shellers are not talking contracts
- No seed contracts for Tamrun 96 or Tamrun OL 01
 - There is apparently a hard kernel problem with these cultivars
 - These two cultivars account for >80% of the acreage in OK
- Acreage will drop yet again, probably less than 30,000 (hate to estimate how low it could go)

TEXAS

Dr. Todd Baughman – Texas A&M Univ.

- Acres in limbo might go up, stay the same, or
 go down depends on contract for runners
- If strong price for runners, acres up and shift from Virginia and Spanish types
- Increase in Valencia acres
- Acres back up in central TX
- Cotton prices will have final impact on acres

TEXAS

Dr. Todd Baughman – Texas A&M Univ.

- With current subsoil moisture, cotton is better option due to better crop on less irrigation water and total inputs
- Water quality and quantity will control some of the acre increase potential
- As you go further north to better water the growing season is limited and soil types are limiting
- Hedge on acres is even

New Products or Labels on Peanut in 2005

- Optimize LIFT
 - New inoculant from Nitragin
- Dynasty PD
 - New seed treatment from Syngenta
- Cobra 2EC
 - New herbicide label from Valent

Runner Variety Trials

High Plains – Average 2 to 3 trials AT127, ANorden, AT215, Flavorruner 458 (Grade = 79 to 80 except AT127 – 74)

South Texas – Average 2 trials Andru II, Tamrun OL01, C99-R, ANorden (Grade = 75 or 76 except Andru II – 73)

Rolling Plains – Average of 3 test Carver, Tamrun OL01, ANorden, Flavorrunner 458 (Grade = 76 to 78)

Runner Variety Trials

Carver – Ranked in top 1/3 in 10 of 11 trials

ANorden – 7 of 11 trials

Flavorrunner 458 – 4 of 11 trials

TAMRUN OL01 – 4 of 9 trials

Andru II – 4 of 11 trials

TAMRUN 96 – 5 of 7 trials

AT 127, Georgia 02C, Georgia 03L, GP-1, Nematam, and TAMRUN OL02 in at least 1 trial.





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