Northampton County, North Carolina has always been a traditional peanut growing county. In 1989 Northampton Farmers planted 26,278 acres of peanut across the entire county. The peanut production infrastructure was in place to handle a peanut farmer’s crop literally just down the road. Today peanut production is still part of the agricultural industry in Northampton County but many adjustments have taken place. Several growers have sold their peanut equipment and have replaced peanuts with more cotton and soybeans. Peanut acres have deceased down to an average of 4500 acres over the last 5 years. Gone are the days of growing quota peanuts. The growers who remain are carefully looking at production cost and available resources before making a decision on signing a peanut contract.