

Vegetables and Nuts

CHILE: New Mexico chile production declined from the previous year to 88,760 tons, 17 percent below 2004. The decline in yields was primarily due to curly top virus, which damaged many fields and resulted in some unharvested acreage.

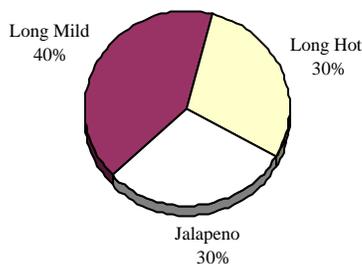
Overall state yields were lower than the previous year with jalapeño averaging 10.6 tons per acre. Paprika averaged 1.5 tons per acre, and cayenne averaged 8.6 tons per acre.

The value of New Mexico chile was estimated at \$47.79 million, 5 percent below the previous year.

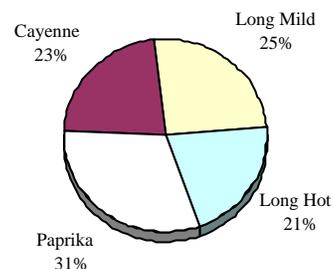
2005 Chile: Acreage and Production by District & County

District/ County	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
Districts 10 & 30	300	500	550	200	300	400	840	1,170	800
District 70	8,800	8,400	9,050	8,600	8,100	8,700	55,810	63,060	63,470
Hidalgo	2,900	2,900	3,300	2,800	2,700	3,200	8,630	10,880	9,570
Luna	5,100	4,400	4,900	5,000	4,300	4,700	43,680	46,410	47,190
Other Counties	800	1,100	850	800	1,100	800	3,500	5,770	6,710
District 90	6,700	7,400	7,900	5,900	7,000	7,100	28,710	42,620	24,490
Chaves	1,000	1,100	1,300	500	1,100	1,300	1,450	3,810	4,070
Doña Ana	3,500	4,200	4,000	3,400	3,900	3,500	24,410	34,830	16,720
Other Counties	2,200	2,100	2,600	2,000	2,000	2,300	2,850	3,980	3,700
STATE	15,800	16,300	17,500	14,700	15,400	16,200	85,360	106,850	88,760

Green Chile Production, 2005
Wet Weight



Red Chile Production, 2005
Dry Weight ^{1/}



^{1/} An 8:1 drying ratio was used to convert cayenne production to a dry weight.