

FIELD CROPS

HAY

All harvested hay decreased to 310,000 acres in 2006. Yield for all hay totaled 4.14 tons an acre for a total production of 1.3 million tons. The average price for all hay was \$163 per ton. Harvested alfalfa acreage decreased to 220,000 acres. Yield remained at 5.1 tons an acre for a total production of 1.12 million tons. The price of alfalfa hay averaged \$166 per ton.

SORGHUM

New Mexico's sorghum acreage harvested for grain decreased to 60,000 in 2006 compared to 97,000 acres harvested the previous year. Yields averaged 35 bushels per acre for a total production of 2.1 million bushels compared to 4.4 million bushels produced a year earlier. The average price increased to \$3.05 per bushel. Total value of production was \$6.4 million, decreasing from \$9.2 million in 2005. Only 17,000 acres were harvested for silage with an average yield of 19 tons per acre, which produced 223,000 tons.

CORN

Corn for grain production decreased to 8.3 million bushels in 2006. Yield increased to 185 bushels an acre; harvested acres decreased 10,000 acres to 45,000. The 2006 price per bushel averaged \$3.65 for a total value of production of \$30 million. Acres harvested for silage remained the same in 2006. Silage acreage totaled 84,000 acres. Yield increased to 25 tons per acre for a total production of 2.1 million tons.

WHEAT

Winter wheat production in the state for 2006 was 3.8 million bushels. Harvested acreage was 120,000 compared to 270,000 acres the previous year. The average yield was 32 bushels per acre. The value of production was \$17.4 million with an average price of \$4.55 per bushel.

PEANUTS

Peanut harvested acreage decreased from the previous year to 12,000 acres in 2006. Yields were slightly higher than a year earlier at 3,600 pounds per acre. Production was 63.2 million pounds, 35 percent below the 2005 crop. Crop value also declined from \$13.3 million in 2005 to \$8.86 million in 2006 with the average price slightly higher at \$0.20 per pound.

COTTON

Upland cotton producers harvested 48,000 acres in 2006, a decrease of 3,000 acres from the previous year. Yields averaged 930 pounds per acre. Total production for the year was estimated at 93,000 bales. Price per pound averaged \$0.47 with total value of production at \$28 million. American-Pima harvested acreage was 12,500. Yields for the year averaged 768 pounds per acre with a total production of 20,000 bales. The price per pound averaged \$0.95 with total value of production at \$9.6 million.