

NEW MEXICO CHILE PRODUCTION 2002

New Mexico chile production increased to 96,400 tons in 2002, 19 percent above the previous year. Planted acreage was estimated at 18,000 acres with 16,800 acres harvested due to weather and insect damage.

Despite the decrease in harvested acreage, growers saw some of the highest yields in years which provided a boost in production. Drought conditions and ample irrigation provided for excellent growing conditions with the average state yield at 12.2 tons per acre for green long mild and 1.7 tons per acre for paprika.

The value of New Mexico chile was estimated at \$49.8 million, 12.5 percent higher than 2001.

Chile: Acreage and Production by County

County	Planted Acreage ^{1/}			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Chaves	---	---	1,100	1,400	1,400	1,100	4,900	4,900	2,880
Doña Ana	---	---	4,500	4,900	4,200	4,400	27,440	21,000	27,170
Eddy	---	---	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,760	1,800	1,910
Hidalgo	---	---	2,600	2,600	2,200	2,400	15,210	13,200	13,700
Lea	---	---	1,200	700	800	1,100	1,120	1,600	2,000
Luna	---	---	5,600	6,500	6,200	5,300	42,540	32,900	42,050
Sierra	---	---	900	700	700	700	3,080	2,800	3,280
Socorro	---	---	300	300	300	200	1,350	1,200	1,170
Other Counties ^{2/}	---	---	600	800	800	500	1,600	1,600	2,240
State	---	---	18,000	19,000	17,700	16,800	99,000	81,000	96,400

^{1/} Planted acreage not available for 2000 and 2001.

^{2/} Other counties include Bernalillo, Rio Arriba, Roosevelt, Sandoval, Sierra, and Valencia.

Chile: Acreage Yield, Production, & Value by Variety

Variety	Acreage Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production	Average Price Per Ton	Value of Production
			-----Tons-----	-----Dollars-----	-----\$1,000-----
Green					
Jalapeño	800	11.9	9,500	316	3,000
Long Mild	4,000	12.2	48,600	292	14,200
Long Hot	1,300	8.0	10,400	337	3,500
Red					
Paprika	6,200	1.7	10,600	1,340	14,200
Cayenne	1,200	8.4	10,100	475	4,800
Long Mild	4,000	1.4	5,600	1,375	7,700
Long Hot	1,300	1.2	1,600	1,500	2,400
Total	16,800	5.7	96,400	517	49,800

1/ 2,000 acres harvested for both green and red.

Chile: Yields by County & Variety

County	----Green----			----Red----			
	Jalapeño	Long Mild	Long Hot	Paprika	Cayenne ^{3/}	Long Mild	Long Hot
Chaves	1/	1/	1/	1.0	6.5	1/	1/
Doña Ana	11.5	10.0	6.3	2.2	8.6	1.2	1.2
Eddy	---	1/	1/	1.4	---	1/	1/
Hidalgo	12.0	11.5	1/	1.5	---	1.6	1/
Lea	---	---	---	1.8	---	---	---
Luna	15.0	14.0	13.3	1.8	9.0	1.4	1.0
Sierra	---	1/	1/	1/	---	1.6	1.5
Socorro	---	---	5.6	---	---	---	1/
Other Counties ^{2/}	7.0	8.5	5.3	1.2	---	1.2	1.3
State	11.9	12.2	8.0	1.7	8.4	1.4	1.2

1/ Included in Other Counties.

2/ Other counties include Bernalillo, Rio Arriba, Roosevelt, Sandoval, Sierra, and Valencia.

3/ Dry tonnage except cayenne, which is a wet tonnage (a ratio of 8:1 can be used to convert to a dry weight).