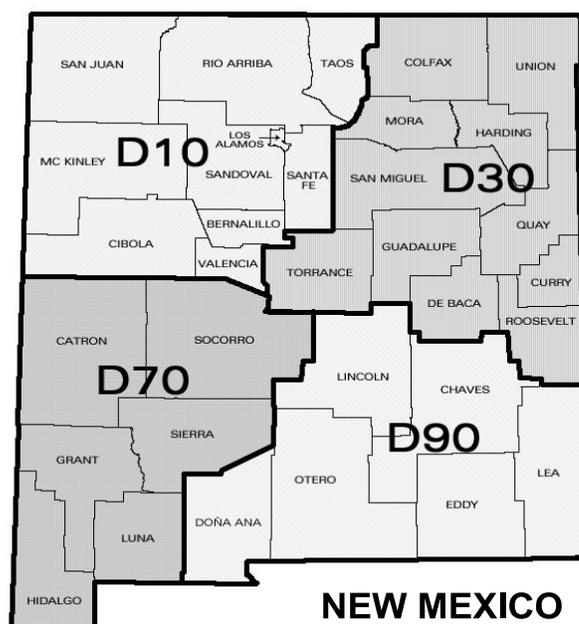


2004 NEW MEXICO CHILE PRODUCTION

New Mexico chile production bounced back from the previous year to 106,850 tons, 25 percent above 2003. The increase stems from an increase in harvested acreage, estimated at 15,400 acres, and higher yields.

Overall state yields were much higher than the previous year with green long mild averaging 14.5 tons per acre, green long hot averaged 8.7 tons per acre and Cayenne averaged 9.9 tons per acre.

The value of New Mexico chile was estimated at \$50.33 million, 23 percent above the previous year.



2004 Chile Acreage and Production by District & County

County	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
Districts 10 & 30	800	300	500	600	200	300	2,610	840	1,170
District 70	9,200	8,800	8,400	8,500	8,600	8,100	59,830	55,810	63,060
Hidalgo	2,600	2,900	2,900	2,400	2,800	2,700	13,700	8,630	10,880
Luna	5,600	5,100	4,400	5,300	5,000	4,300	42,050	43,680	46,410
Other Counties	1,000	800	1,100	800	800	1,100	4,080	3,500	5,770
District 90	8,000	6,700	7,400	7,700	5,900	7,000	33,960	28,710	42,620
Chaves	1,100	1,000	1,100	1,100	500	1,100	2,880	1,450	3,810
Doña Ana	4,500	3,500	4,200	4,400	3,400	3,900	27,170	24,410	34,830
Other Counties	2,400	2,200	2,100	2,200	2,000	2,000	3,910	2,850	3,980
State	18,000	15,800	16,300	16,800	14,700	15,400	96,400	85,360	106,850

2004 Chile Acreage, Yield, Production, & Value by Variety

Variety	Acreage ^{1/} Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production	Average Price Per Ton	Value of Production
		-----Tons-----		-----Dollars-----	-----\$1,000-----
Green					
Jalapeño	800	13.0	10,400	340	3,540
Long Mild ^{2/}	4,200	14.5	60,800	296	18,010
Long Hot	1,100	8.7	9,550	401	3,830
Red					
Paprika	4,000	1.7	6,800	1,331	9,050
Cayenne ^{3/}	1,100	9.9	10,900	406	4,430
Long Mild	5,500	1.3	7,400	1,345	9,950
Long Hot	900	1.1	1,000	1,520	1,520
Total	15,400	6.9	106,850	471	50,330

^{1/} 2,200 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

^{2/} Includes a small amount of other peppers, not published separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

^{3/} Production and yield are wet tonnage (a ratio of 8:1 can be used to convert to a dry weight).

2004 Chile Yields by District, County & Variety

District/County	---Green---			---Red---			
	Jalapeño	Long Mild	Long Hot	Paprika	Cayenne ^{1/}	Long Mild	Long Hot
	-----Tons-----			-----Tons-----			
Districts 10 & 30	---	^{2/}	6.0	^{2/}	---	---	---
District 70	13.0	15.3	10.4	1.7	11.0	1.2	1.3
Hidalgo	10.0	13.0	8.0	1.9	---	1.5	1.7
Luna	15.0	16.0	12.2	2.1	9.0	0.8	1.1
Other Counties	---	11.3	9.0	2.0	13.0	1.1	1.5
District 90	12.8	12.9	6.7	1.5	9.7	1.7	0.8
Chaves	^{2/}	---	---	1.4	9.5	---	---
Doña Ana	14.0	12.9	6.5-	1.3	9.7	1.4	0.8
Other Counties	---	^{2/}	8.0	1.7	---	^{2/}	---
State	13.0	14.5	8.7	1.7	9.9	1.3	1.1

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

^{2/} Not published to avoid disclosing individual information