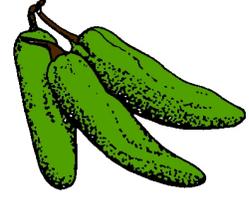


CHILE



CHILE: 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

District/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