

CHILE

CHILE: New Mexico chile production decreased 18 percent in 2001 to 81,000 tons. While planted acreage remained fairly constant, harvested acreage decreased by 6.8 percent due to weather and disease.

Much of the acreage, even though harvested, showed much lower yields than normal. Overall yield per acre fell to 4.6 tons per acre.

Value of the 2001 crop fell to \$44,245,000, which is 9.5 percent below the previous year.

Chile: Yield, Production, and Value, 2001

Variety	-----Green ^{1/} -----		-----Red ^{2/} -----		Value of Production ---\$1,000---
	Production	Yield Per Acre	Production	Yield Per Acre	
	-----Tons-----				
Paprika	---	---	9,500	1.80	12,825
Cayenne	---	---	7,000	7.00	2,660
Jalapeño ^{3/}	5,000	10.00	---	---	1,600
Long Mild ^{4/}	46,000	10.20	6,000	1.50	21,160
Long Hot	6,000	6.70	1,500	1.00	6,000
STATE	57,000	---	24,000	---	44,245

^{1/} Wet tonnage.

^{2/} Dry tonnage except cayenne which is a wet tonnage (a ratio of 8:1 can be used to convert to a dry weight).

^{3/} Includes both green and red varieties.

^{4/} Includes a small amount of bell and pimento peppers, not published separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations.