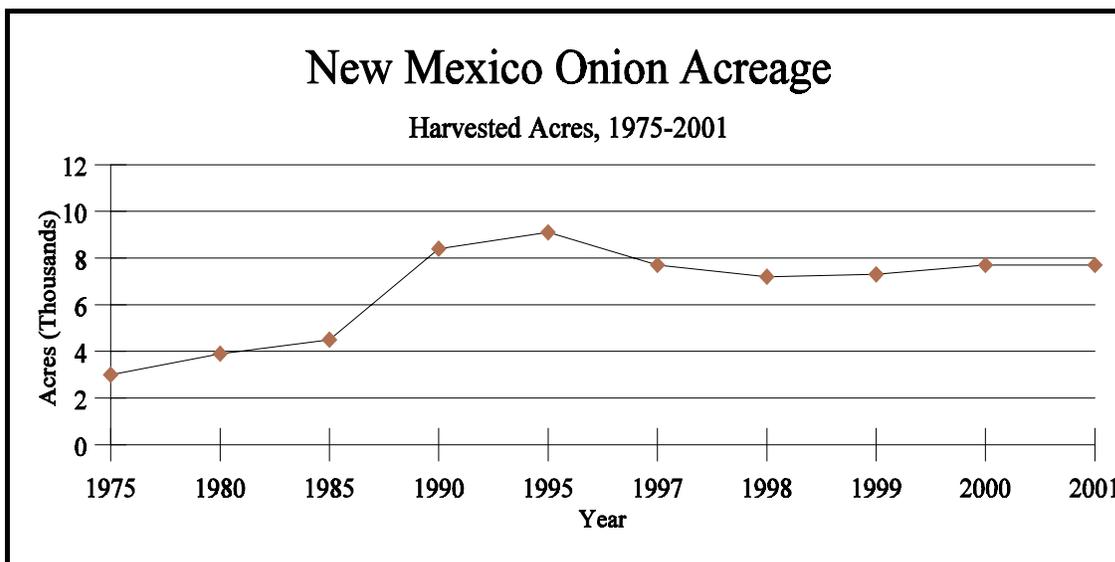


ONIONS: New Mexico onion growers produced over 3.7 million hundredweight in 2001, up 6.5 percent from 2000. While harvested acres remained unchanged from 2000 at 7,700 acres, the average yield rose to 490 hundredweight per acre. The value of the 2001 crop increased almost 66 percent at \$54.3 million due to the high production and prices averaging \$14.40 per hundredweight.

The major varieties of commercially grown New Mexico onions include Grano, Granex, Sweet Spanish, and mid-summer hybrids such as the popular Nu-Mex variety. Most of the state's onions are non-storage types and during our peak summer harvest period, New Mexico is a major supplier for the nation. Harvest usually begins in late May and continues through September.



Onions: Monthly Prices Received

Year	June	July	August	September
-----Dollars Per 100 Lbs.-----				
1975	15.00	18.40	15.00	13.80
1980	9.00	9.00	9.80	---
1985	9.60	21.50	9.80	7.50
1990	10.40	9.55	9.00	8.50
1995	11.70	14.80	11.40	---
1997	16.50	14.30	12.10	---
1998	12.40	14.00	12.10	---
1999	16.60	16.60	12.60	---
2000	11.30	7.80	11.90	---
2001	15.60	14.30	12.60	---