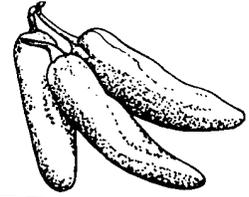


# CHILE



**CHILE:** New Mexico 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 2002 value of New Mexico chile was estimated at \$49.8 million, 12.5 percent higher than 2001.

## 2002 Acreage and Production by County

County	Planted Acreage <sup>1/</sup>			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 <sup>2/</sup>	---	---	600	800	800	500	1,600	1,600	2,240
<b>State</b>	---	---	<b>18,000</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>17,700</b>	<b>16,800</b>	<b>99,000</b>	<b>81,000</b>	<b>96,400</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Planted acreage not available for 2000 and 2001.

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