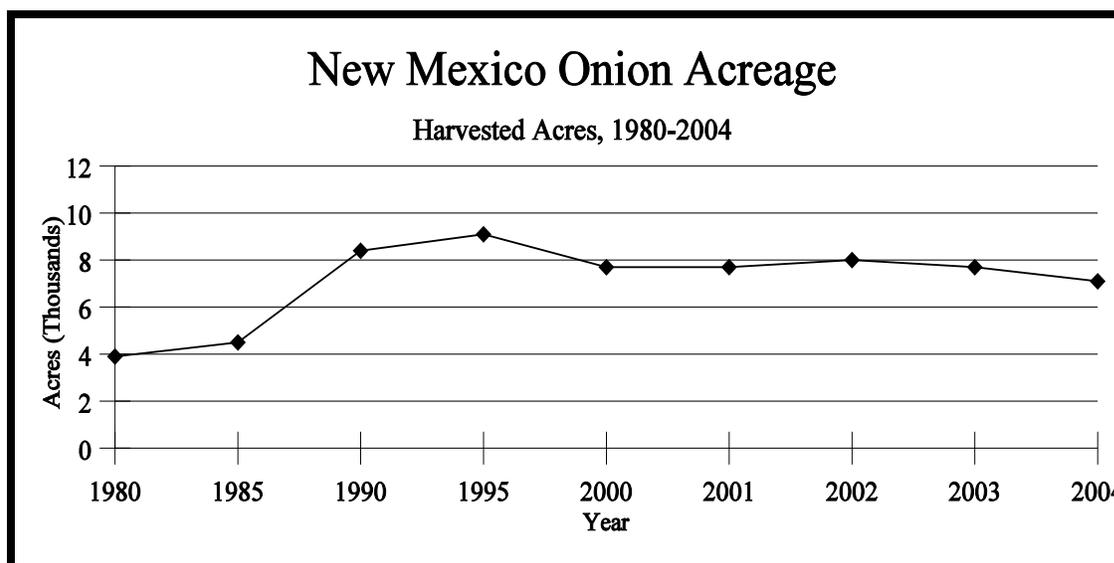


ONIONS: New Mexico onion growers produced 3.7 million hundredweight in 2004, down almost 15 percent from 2003. Harvested acres decreased by 600 acres, and the average yield decreased from 550 to 515 hundredweight per acre. The value of the 2004 crop decreased by 27 percent to \$44.6 million with prices averaging \$12.20 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. During our peak summer harvest period, New Mexico is a major supplier for the nation. Harvest usually begins mid-May and continues through September.



Onions: Monthly Prices Received

Year	June	July	August	September
-----Dollars Per 100 Lbs.-----				
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	---
2000	11.30	7.80	11.90	---
2001	15.60	14.30	12.60	---
2002	12.40	13.00	11.60	---
2003	17.20	13.70	12.00	---
2004	12.70	11.60	12.20	12.40