

FIELD CROPS

HAY

All harvested hay remained at 330,000 acres in 2005. Yield for all hay totaled 4.28 tons an acre for a total production of 1.4 million tons. The average price for all hay was \$125 per ton. Harvested alfalfa acreage remained at 240,000 acres. Yield increased to 5.1 tons an acre for a total production of 1.22 million tons. The price of alfalfa hay averaged \$128 per ton.

SORGHUM

New Mexico's sorghum acreage harvested for grain increased to 97,000 acres compared to 92,000 harvested in 2004. Yields averaged 45 bushels per acre for a total production of 4.4 million bushels compared to the 4.2 million bushels produced a year earlier. The average price increased to \$2.07 per bushel. Total value of production was \$9 million, an increase from \$7.8 million in 2004. Only 14,000 acres were harvested for silage with an average yield of 15 tons per acre, which produced 210,000 tons.

CORN

Corn for grain production decreased to 9.6 million bushels in 2005. Yield also decreased to 175 bushels an acre; harvested acres decreased 3,000 acres to 55,000. The 2005 price per bushel averaged \$2.50 for a total value of production of \$24 million. Acres harvested for silage were up in 2005. Silage acreage totaled 84,000 acres compared to 66,000 acres in 2004. Yield decreased to 24 tons per acre for a total production of 2.0 million tons.

WHEAT

Winter wheat production in the state for 2005 climbed to 9.7 million bushels. Harvested acreage was 270,000 compared to 300,000 acres in 2004. The average yield was 36 bushels per acre, an increase of 10 bushels per acre from the previous year. The value of production was \$30.1 million with an average price of \$3.10 per bushel.

PEANUTS

Peanut harvested acreage increased from the previous year to 19,000 acres. Hot temperatures with little precipitation made for great growing conditions to allow a yield of 3,300 pounds per acre. Production was 62.7 million pounds, 3.2 million pounds above the harvest in 2004. Crop value also increased from \$14.3 million in 2004 to \$15.7 million in 2005 with the average price slightly higher at \$0.25 per pound.

COTTON

Upland cotton producers harvested 51,000 acres in 2005, a decrease of 13,000 acres from the previous year. Yields were higher than the previous year averaging 1,016 pounds per acre. Total production for the year was estimated at 108,000 bales. Price per pound came in at \$0.54 per pound with total value of production at \$26 million. American-Pima harvested acreage was the highest since 1997 with 11,500 acres planted and harvested. Yields for the year averaged 918 pounds per acre with total production at 22,000 bales. The value of production was placed at \$11 million with prices averaging \$1.05 per pound.