

Vegetables and Nuts

CHILE: New Mexico chile production declined for the second year in a row to 73,400 tons, 17 percent below 2005. The decline was primarily due to a large drop in planted and harvested acreage.

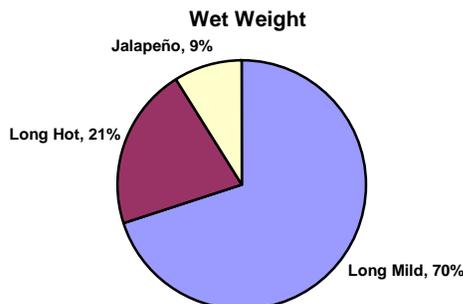
Overall state yields were down from a year earlier with jalapeño averaging 9.6 tons per acre. Long Mild averaged 12.9 tons per acre, and cayenne averaged 7.6 tons per acre.

The value of New Mexico chile was estimated at \$39.63 million, 17 percent below the previous year.

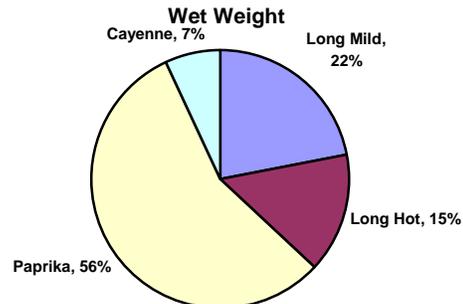
2006 Chile: Acreage and Production by District & County

District/ County	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
Districts 10 & 30	500	550	400	300	400	400	1,170	800	1,200
District 70	8,400	9,050	7,800	8,100	8,700	7,000	63,060	63,470	42,520
Hidalgo	2,900	3,300	2,200	2,700	3,200	1,900	10,880	9,570	6,450
Luna	4,400	4,900	4,600	4,300	4,700	4,200	46,410	47,190	32,300
Other Counties	1,100	850	1,000	1,100	800	900	5,770	6,710	3,770
District 90	7,400	7,900	7,100	7,000	7,100	6,400	42,620	24,490	29,680
Chaves	1,100	1,300	1,200	1,100	1,300	1,100	3,810	4,070	2,750
Doña Ana	4,200	4,000	3,400	3,900	3,500	3,000	34,830	16,720	22,100
Other Counties	2,100	2,600	2,500	2,000	2,300	2,300	3,980	3,700	4,830
STATE	16,300	17,500	15,300	15,400	16,200	13,800	106,850	88,760	73,400

Green Chile Production 2006



Red Chile Production 2006



^{1/} A 5:1 drying ratio was used to convert cayenne production to a dry weight.