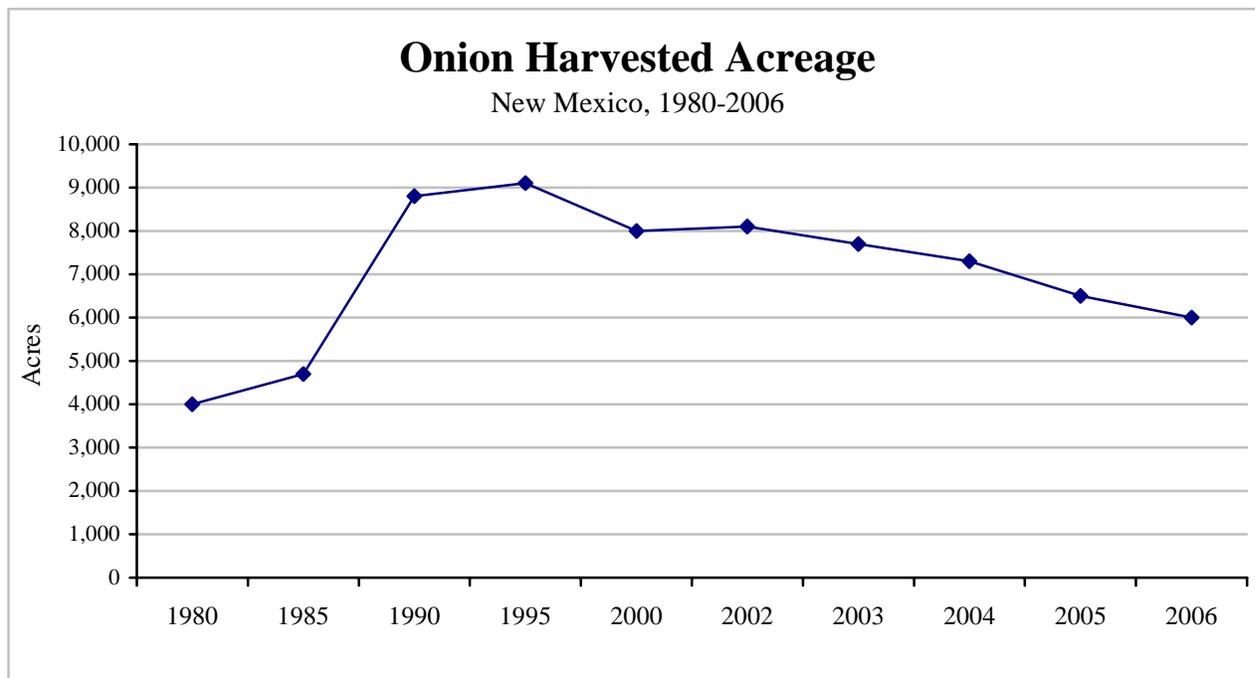


ONIONS: Onion growers in New Mexico planted 6,000 acres and harvested 5,500 acres in 2006. The average yield was down from 530 hundredweight (cwt) per acre in 2005 to 480 cwt in 2006. Price per cwt increased by \$1.60 to \$17.40, bringing the value of production to \$45.9 million.

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 nonstorage 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	---
2002	12.40	13.00	11.60	---
2003	16.80	12.60	10.20	---
2004	13.60	12.00	12.10	---
2005	12.70	17.80	18.10	---
2006	13.10	20.50	20.30	---