

## ***FIELD CROPS***



### ***HAY***

All harvested hay totaled 340,000 acres in 2008, down from 350,000 acres in 2007. Yield for all hay totaled 4.46 tons an acre for a total production of 1.51 million tons. The average price for all hay was \$189 per ton. Harvested alfalfa acreage increased to 250,000 acres from the previous year's total of 240,000 acres. Yield per acre was 5.20 tons for a total production of 1.3 million tons. The price of alfalfa hay averaged \$192 per ton.

### ***SORGHUM***

New Mexico's sorghum acreage harvested for grain increased to 80,000 in 2008 compared to 75,000 acres harvested the previous year. Yields averaged 43 bushels per acre for a total production of 3.4 million bushels compared to 3.0 million bushels produced a year earlier. The average price decreased to \$3.84 per bushel. Total value of production was \$13.2 million, increasing from \$12.2 million in 2007. There was a total of 25,000 acres harvested for silage with an average yield of 16 tons per acre, which produced 400,000 tons.

### ***CORN***

Corn for grain production increased from 9.7 million bushels in 2007 to 9.9 million bushels in 2008. Yields were 180 bushels per acre; harvested acres increased 1,000 acres to 55,000. The 2008 price per bushel averaged \$5.65 for a total value of production of \$55.9 million. Acres harvested for silage increased 3,000 acres to 77,000. Yield remained constant with last year at 25 tons per acre for a total production of 2.1 million tons.

### ***WHEAT***

Winter wheat production in the state for 2008 was 4.2 million bushels, a decrease of 4.2 million bushels from last year, reflecting harvested acreage at 140,000 compared to 300,000 acres the previous year. Dry conditions were the primary reason for the drop in harvested acreage. The average yield was 30 bushels per acre. The value of production was \$28 million with an average price of \$6.75 per bushel.

### ***PEANUTS***

Peanut harvested acreage decreased by 2,000 acres from the previous year to 8,000 acres in 2008. Yields remained constant with last year at 3,200 pounds per acre. Production was 25.6 million pounds. Crop value declined from \$6.4 million in 2007 to \$5.0 million in 2008 with the average price slightly above \$0.19 per pound.

### ***COTTON***

Upland cotton producers harvested 35,000 acres in 2008, a decrease of 4,000 acres from the previous year. Yields averaged 974 pounds per acre. Total production for the year was estimated at 71,000 bales. Price per pound averaged \$0.57 with total value of production at \$19.2 million. American-Pima harvested acres totaled 1,900, a decrease from 4,600 acres last year. Yields for the year averaged 758 pounds per acre with a total production of 3,000 bales, also down from 8,200 in 2007.