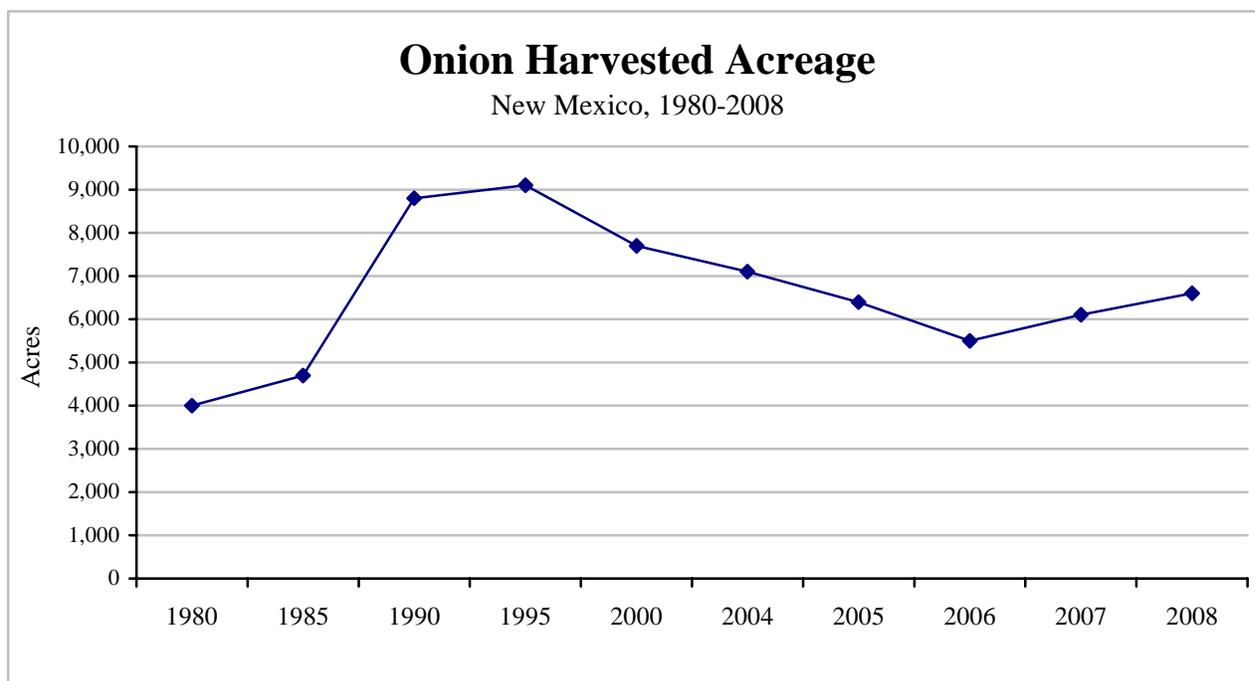


**ONIONS:** Onion growers in New Mexico planted 7,000 acres and harvested 6,600 acres in 2008. The average yield remained consistent with the previous year at 500 cwt per acre. Price per cwt decreased from \$20.80 to \$14.40. This resulted in total value of production of \$47.5 million.

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 varieties. During our peak summer harvest period, New Mexico is a major supplier for the nation. Harvest usually begins mid-May and continues into 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	---
2004	13.60	12.00	12.10	---
2005	12.70	17.80	18.10	---
2006	13.10	20.50	20.30	---
2007	24.90	22.00	13.30	---
<b>2008</b>	<b>13.50</b>	<b>14.60</b>	<b>15.20</b>	<b>---</b>