

Vegetables and Nuts

CHILE: Planted chile acreage in 2009 increased by 4 percent to 12,800 acres from 2008, with 96 percent of the crop harvested at 12,300 acres. These increases helped boost production by 21 percent from 60,140 tons in 2008 to 72,700 tons in 2009. All varieties had a larger overall percentage of harvested acreage from the 2008 crop year.

At the state level, yields were up for most varieties with Long Mild Green having the largest increase from 11 tons per acre in 2008 to 13.3 tons per acre in 2009. Paprika yields remained steady at 1.6 tons per acre, while Red Long Mild yields increased from 1.3 tons per acre to 2.1 tons per acre. Long Hot Red yields rose from 1.1 to 1.7 tons per acre.

The value of New Mexico chile was estimated at \$57.4 million, rising 21 percent above the previous year.

2009 Chile: Acreage and Production by District & County

District/ County	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
District 70	5,900	5,200	5,100	5,500	4,700	4,900	32,100	32,640	33,400
Hidalgo	700	700	900	600	700	800	2,850	4,500	5,300
Luna	4,000	3,700	3,200	3,700	3,300	3,200	25,150	23,220	22,900
Other Counties ^{1/}	1,200	800	1,000	1,200	700	900	4,100	4,920	5,200
District 90	6,100	7,100	7,700	5,500	6,400	7,400	16,900	27,500	39,300
Doña Ana	3,400	3,800	3,900	3,200	3,200	3,700	12,800	20,600	32,000
Other Counties	2,700	3,300	3,800	2,300	3,200	3,700	4,100	6,900	7,300
STATE	12,000	12,300	12,800	11,000	11,100	12,300	49,000	60,140	72,700

^{1/} District 10 & District 30 were included in District 70 Other Counties.

