

FIELD CROPS

HAY

All harvested hay totaled 280,000 acres in 2011, down from 310,000 acres in 2010. Yield for all hay totaled 4.43 tons an acre for a total production of 1.24 million tons. The average price for all hay was \$251 per ton. Harvested alfalfa acreage decreased to 210,000 acres from the previous year's total of 220,000 acres. Yield per acre was 5.20 tons for a total production of 1.09 million tons. The price of alfalfa hay set a record high due to increased demand averaging \$257 per ton.

SORGHUM

Drought conditions were the primary reason New Mexico's sorghum acreage harvested for grain decreased to 21,000 acres in 2011 compared to 68,000 acres harvested the previous year. Yields averaged 64 bushels per acre for a total production of 1.34 million bushels compared to 4.49 million bushels produced a year earlier. The average price increased to \$6.10 per bushel. Total value of production was \$8.2 million, decreasing from \$24.1 million in 2010. There was a total of 11,000 acres harvested for silage with an average yield of 14 tons per acre, which produced 154,000 tons.

CORN

Corn for grain production decreased from 11.88 million bushels in 2010 to 7.74 million bushels in 2011. Yields were 180 bushels per acre; harvested acres decreased by 23,000 acres to 43,000. The 2011 price per bushel averaged \$6.00 for a total value of production of \$46.44 million. Acres harvested for silage increased 6,000 acres to 78,000. Yield was 24 tons per acre for a total production of 1.87 million tons.

WHEAT

Winter wheat production in the state was also affected by the drought in 2011 totaling 2.09 million bushels, down from 8.12 million in 2010. Harvested acreage decreased to 95,000 in 2011 compared to 290,000 acres harvested the previous year. The average yield was 22 bushels per acre. The value of production was \$12.54 million with an average price of \$6.00 per bushel.

PEANUTS

Peanut harvested acreage decreased by 3,400 acres from the previous year to 6,600 acres in 2011. Yields were lower in 2011 with 2,700 pounds per acre. Production was 17.8 million pounds. Crop value dropped from \$10.9 million in 2010 to \$9.43 million in 2011 with the average price at \$0.53 per pound.

COTTON

Upland cotton producers harvested 58,000 acres in 2011 compared to 47,000 in 2010. Yields were lower in 2011 coming in at 1,059 pounds per acre. Total production for the year was estimated at 128,000 bales. Price per pound averaged \$0.96 with total value of production at \$64.5 million. American-Pima harvested acres totaled 3,400, an increase of 700 acres from the 2010 total of 2,700 acres. Yields for the year averaged 875 pounds per acre.