

Vegetables and Nuts

CHILE: Planted chile acreage in 2011 increased by 9 percent to 10,000 acres from 9,150 in 2010, with 95 percent of the crop harvested at 9,500 acres. Production came in at 68,850 tons compared to 66,660 in 2010. Paprika harvested acreage rose from 2,500 in 2010 to 4,400 harvested acres in 2011.

At the state level, yields were up in 2011 for most varieties. Paprika was the lone variety with a lower yield at 1.6 tons per acre compared to 1.9 in 2010. Long mild green yields were 15.3 tons per acre and long hot green 10.0 tons per acre. Long red was 1.4 tons per acre.

The value of New Mexico chile was estimated at \$46.7 million, compared to \$41.6 million in 2010.

2011 Chile: Acreage and Production by District and County

District/ County	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
District 70	5,100	4,750	4,880	4,900	4,400	4,880	33,400	35,550	43,150
Hidalgo ¹	900	1/	1/	800	1/	1/	5,300	1/	1/
Luna	3,200	3,100	3,190	3,200	2,950	3,190	22,900	24,900	33,020
Other Counties ^{2/}	1,000	1,650	1,140	900	1,450	1,140	5,200	10,650	10,130
District 90	7,700	4,400	5,120	7,400	4,300	4,620	39,300	31,050	25,700
Doña Ana	3,900	2,900	2,500	3,700	2,800	2,050	32,000	25,750	21,610
Other Counties	3,800	1,500	2,620	3,700	1,500	2,570	7,300	5,250	4,090
STATE	12,800	9,150	10,000	12,300	8,700	9,500	72,700	66,660	68,850

^{1/} To avoid disclosure, published in District 70 Other Counties.

^{2/} District 10 and District 30 were included in District 70 Other Counties.

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