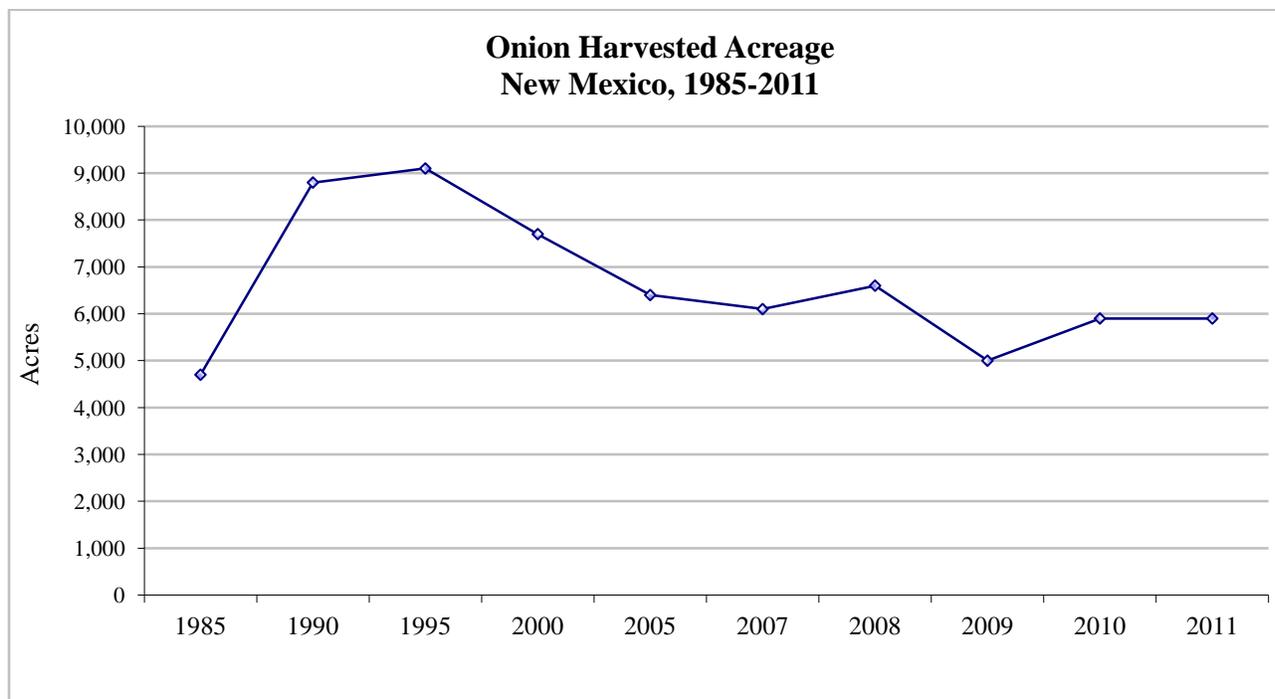


**ONIONS:** Onion growers in New Mexico planted 6,100 acres and harvested 5,900 acres in 2011. The average yield decreased from the previous year's yield of 560 cwt per acre to 460 cwt per acre. Price per cwt decreased from \$27.40 in 2010 to 15.90 in 2011. This resulted in total value of production of \$43 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.-----				
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	---
2005	12.70	17.80	18.10	---
2007	24.90	22.00	13.30	---
2008	13.50	14.60	15.20	---
2009	18.70	20.00	<sup>1/</sup>	---
2010	26.40	31.40	21.90	---
<b>2011</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>15.60</b>	<b>14.30</b>	<b>---</b>

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