

Vegetables and Nuts

Chile: Planted chile acreage in 2012 decreased by 100 acres to 9,900, with 97 percent of the acres harvested at 9,600 acres. Production came in at 77,780 tons compared to 68,850 the previous year. Most varieties saw an increase in acreage harvested from the 2011 crop year. Paprika harvested acreage rose from 4,400 acres in 2011 to 4,860 harvested acres in 2012.

At the state level, yields were higher in 2012 for most varieties. Paprika yield was at 1.9 tons per acre compared to 1.6 in 2011. Long mild green yields were 16.2 tons per acre and long hot green was 15.6 tons per acre. Long red was 1.4 tons per acre.

The value of New Mexico chile was estimated at \$65.4 million, compared to \$46.7 million in 2011.

2012 Chile: Acreage and Production by District and County

District/County	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
Luna	3,100	3,190	3,000	2,950	2,950	3,000	42,500	33,020	32,740
Doña Ana	2,900	2,500	2,400	2,800	2,800	2,200	29,400	21,610	25,910
Other Counties	3,150	4,310	4,500	2,950	3,750	4,400	16,000	14,220	19,130
STATE	9,150	10,000	9,900	8,700	9,500	9,600	87,900	68,850	77,780

SOURCE: New Mexico Department of Agriculture

