



2007 Census of Agriculture

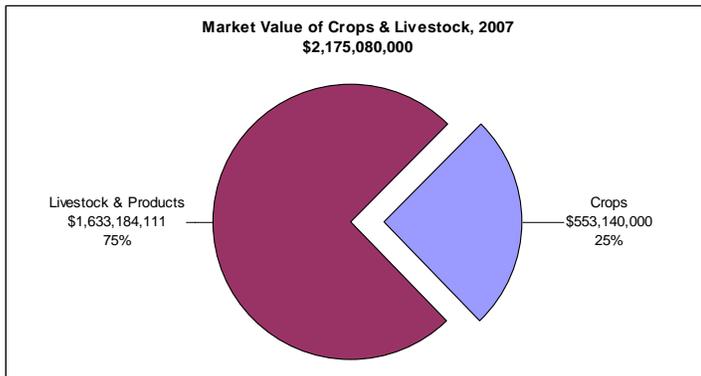
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Value of Production for Crops and Livestock and Products, Acreage for Crops, Fruit, Vegetables, and Nuts

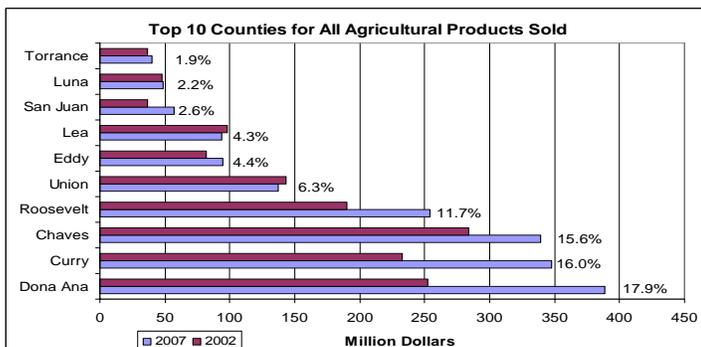
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Value of New Mexico Crop and Livestock Production: Agriculture continues to be an important contributor to the New Mexico economy. Agriculture production can be viewed as “new wealth” being pumped into the economy each day, month, and year.

The 2007 Census of Agriculture is a 5-year snapshot of the agriculture industry and permits analysis from various perspectives. Range and pasture lands dominate the landscape of the State and, as expected, livestock and livestock products generate the largest share of agricultural products sold. The Census shows that livestock make up 75 percent of total agricultural sales.

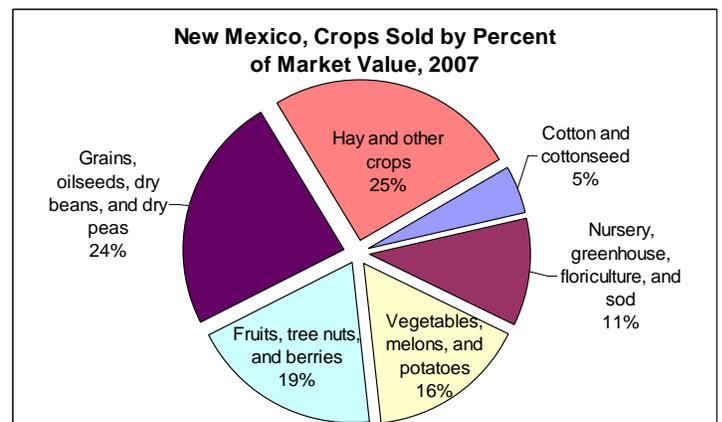


The Top 10 counties for agricultural production are presented in the following chart. The bar values in the chart are the 2007 county percent of the New Mexico total.

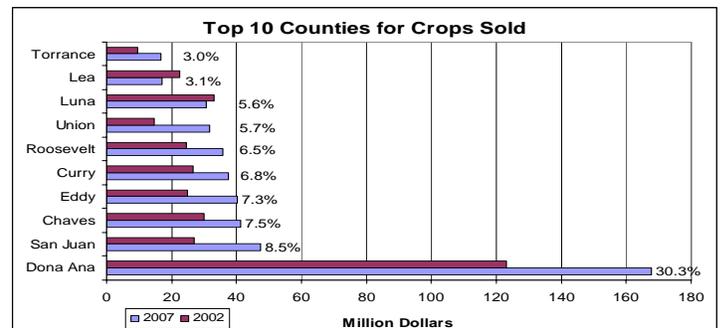


Crop Production: New Mexico produces a very wide range of field crop, vegetables, fruits, and nuts. The high elevations in the north permit many fruits and berries to be grown, but the acreage is limited to mountain valleys and

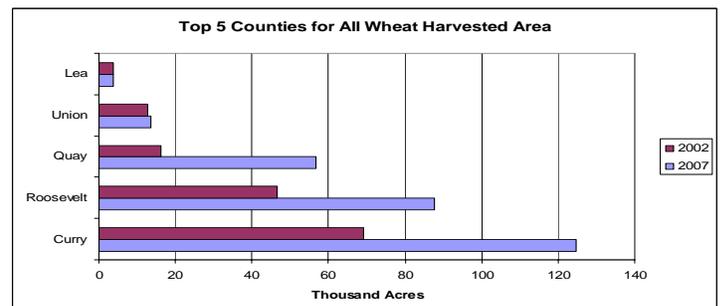
availability of water. The southern Rio Grande valley is a relative garden spot where many vegetables are grown and pecans are somewhat of a favorite.

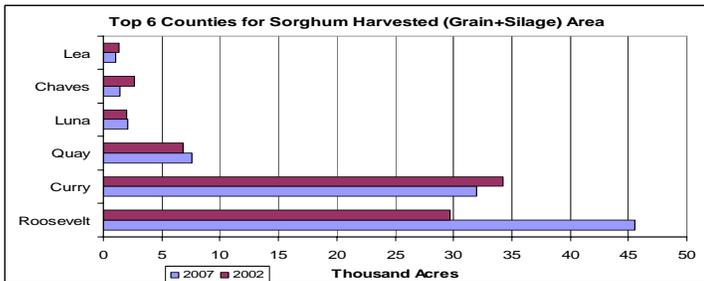
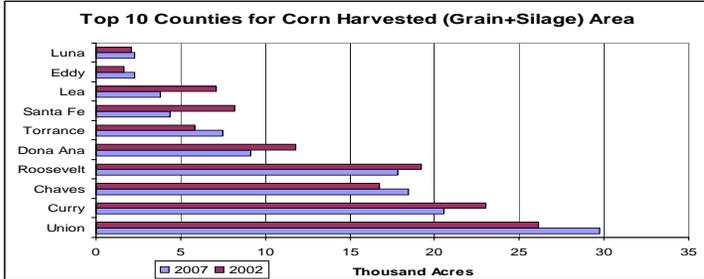
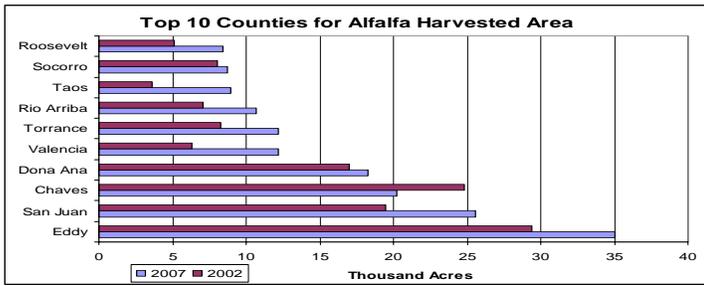


The counties with the largest acreage for the major commodities, with comparisons to 2002, are presented in the following charts. Values are 2007 county percent of State total.

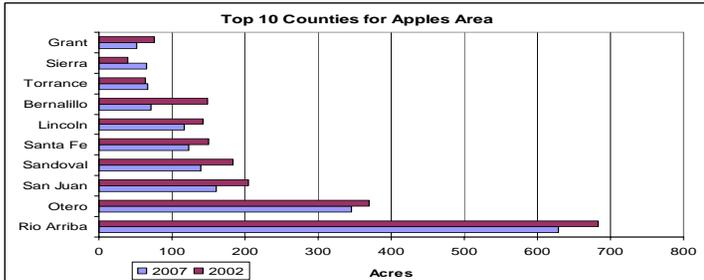
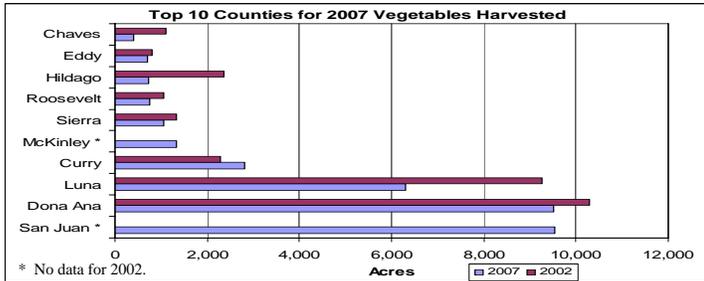


Wheat utilizes the largest acreage of all the crops, followed by **alfalfa hay**, **corn**, and **sorghum**. Wheat is presented below and the other crops are the next page.

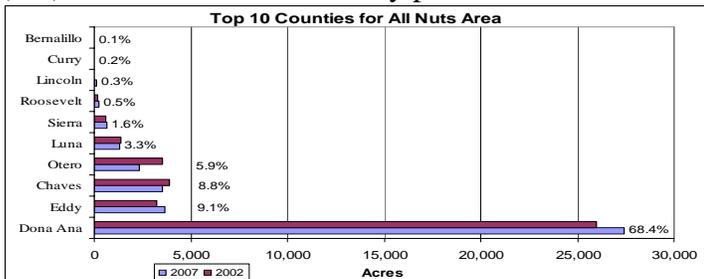




Vegetables are an important part of agriculture in New Mexico. **Fruit** crops, especially **apples**, are grown in northern counties.

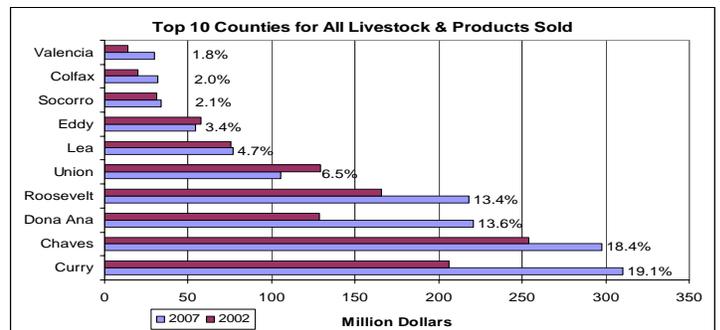
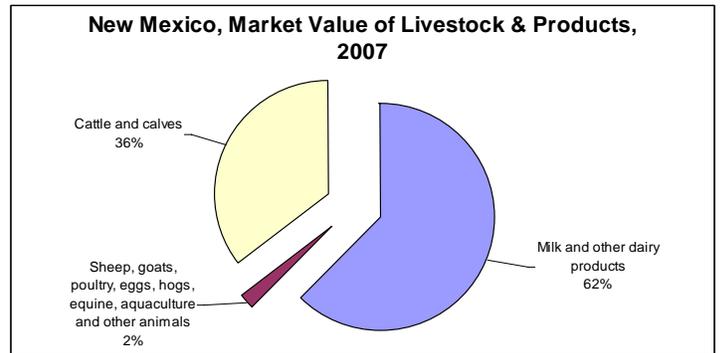


Pecans (98%) are the primary nut crop with **pistachios** (2%) second. Values are county percent of State total.



Livestock Production: Beef cattle are the primary harvesters of the grass and other forage grown on vast areas of open country in New Mexico. Because of our arid climate, beef cows, with calves at their sides, forage over large areas to gain the nutrition required to maintain their health and provide milk for their calves.

New Mexico is the home to a significant number of large **dairies**, ranking 9th in **milk** production among all states in 2007. **Sheep**, lamb, and wool production have declined in recent years and make only a small contribution to total market value. The Top 10 counties for market value of livestock products sold, with comparisons to 2002 are presented in the following chart.



The primary contributors to the value of livestock products are **cattle** and **milk**. The top producing counties are charted below. Values are the 2007 county percent of State total.

