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2015 NEW MEXICO CHILE PRODUCTION

Planted chile acreage in 2015 increased 2.5 percent to 8,300, with 7,700 acres, or 93 percent of the acres harvested. Production in 2015 was 66,700 tons compared to 58,700 tons the previous year. Eighty-four percent of the crop was sold for processing, with 16 percent of the crop sold as fresh market.

Paprika harvested acreage increased from 3,100 acres in 2014 to 3,200 acres in 2015, while Long Hot Green harvested acres increased from 1,200 acres in 2014 to 2,000 acres in 2015. Long Mild Green harvested acres decreased from 2,600 acres in 2014 to 2,100 acres in 2015.

At the state level, yields were higher in 2015 for Long Green varieties. Long Mild Green yields were 16.1 tons per acre and Long Hot Green yields were 13.3 tons per acre. Paprika yield dropped to 1.3 tons per acre compared to 1.4 tons per acre a year earlier. Long Red yields remained at 1.4 tons per acre.

The value of New Mexico chile production in 2015 was estimated at \$41.1 million, compared to \$38.7 million in 2014. Chile for processing were valued at \$33.6 million, while the fresh chile value of production was \$7.5 million.

2015 Chile: Acreage and Production by County

	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Luna	2,500	2,300	2,500	2,500	2,200	2,200	25,540	23,600	31,500
Doña Ana	2,400	2,000	2,100	2,100	1,900	1,900	20,250	20,700	22,000
Other Counties	4,100	3,800	3,700	4,000	3,600	3,600	19,210	14,400	13,200
STATE	9,000	8,100	8,300	8,600	7,700	7,700	65,000	58,700	66,700

Chile Acreage, Yield, Production & Value by Variety

Variety	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre ^{3/}		Production		Average Price Per Ton		Value of Production	
	2014 ^{1/}	2015 ^{2/}	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
			-----Tons-----				----Dollars----		-----\$1,000-----	
Green										
Long Mild	2,600	2,100	15.2	16.1	39,500	33,900	509	487	20,100	16,515
Long Hot	1,200	2,000	10.6	13.3	12,700	26,600	511	501	6,495	13,335
Red										
Paprika	3,100	3,200	1.4	1.3	4,200	4,000	1,857	1,805	7,800	7,220
Long Hot/Mild	1,600	1,600	1.4	1.4	2,300	2,200	1,870	1,827	4,300	4,020
Total	7,700	7,700	7.6	8.7	58,700	66,700	659	616	38,695	41,090

^{1/} 800 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

^{2/} 1,200 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

^{3/} Yields influenced by lower yielding acreage harvested for both green and red.

Chiles, Fresh and Processed Production & Value

	Acreage Harvested	Fresh Production	Processed Production	Value of Fresh Production	Value of Processed Production
		-----Tons-----		-----\$1,000-----	
2014 ^{1/}	7,700	9,000	49,700	6,390	32,305
2015 ^{2/}	7,700	10,700	56,000	7,490	33,600

^{1/} 800 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

^{2/} 1,200 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

