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2020 New Mexico Chile Production

Total chile production for 2020 in New Mexico was 68,000 tons, an 8 percent increase from the 2019 production of 63,075 tons, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA in cooperation with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. Of the 68,000 tons produced, 60,200 tons were green chile and 7,800 tons were red chile. At a state level, yields were also slightly higher than in 2019. In 2020, all green chile yield was 14.3 tons per acre and all red chile yield was 1.8 tons per acre. For comparison, the all green chile yield was 12.1 tons per acre and the all red chile yield was 1.5 tons per acre in 2019.

Planted chile acreage in 2020 decreased 2 percent from last year to 8,900 acres planted. There were 8,500 acres harvested, roughly 96 percent of the crop. Of the 8,500 total chile acres harvested, 4,200 acres were harvested for green chile and 4,300 acres were harvested for red chile. In 2019, 4,600 acres were harvested for green chile and 5,000 acres were harvested for red chile. There were 900 acres harvested for both green and red chile, bringing the total harvested acres to 8,700 for 2019.

Seventy-nine percent of the 2020 chile crop was sold for processing, with 21 percent of the crop sold as fresh market. The value of New Mexico chile production in 2020 was estimated at \$51.9 million, compared to \$50.0 million in 2019. Chile for processing was valued at \$39.3 million, while the fresh chile value of production was \$12.6 million.

Chile - Acreage and Production by County: 2018-2020

	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Luna	2,800	2,800	2,500	2,700	2,700	2,400	25,900	29,175	35,515
Doña Ana	2,300	2,100	1,800	2,100	2,000	1,600	27,100	15,900	14,900
Sierra	900	(D)	(D)	800	(D)	(D)	8,340	(D)	(D)
Other Counties	2,400	4,200	4,600	2,300	4,000	4,500	9,760	18,000	17,585
STATE	8,400	9,100	8,900	7,900	8,700	8,500	71,100	63,075	68,000

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. Included in Other Counties.

Chile Acreage, Yield, Production & Value by Variety: 2019-2020

Variety	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre ^{1/}		Production		Average Price Per Ton		Value of Production	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
All Green Chile ^{2/}	4,600	4,200	12.1	14.3	55,725	60,200	650	614	36,233	36,966
	-----Tons-----									
All Red Chile ^{3/}	5,000	4,300	1.5	1.8	7,350	7,800	1,874	1,913	13,775	14,923
----Dollars----										
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Total	8,700 ^{4/}	8,500	7.3	8.0	63,075	68,000	793	763	50,008	51,889

^{1/} Yields influenced by lower yielding acreage harvested for both green and red.

^{2/} Includes Green Long Mild, Green Long Hot, Jalapeno, and Cayenne.

^{3/} Includes Paprika, Red Long Hot, and Red Long Mild.

^{4/} 900 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

Chile, Fresh and Processed Production & Value: 2019-2020^{1/}

	Acreage Harvested	Fresh Production	Processed Production	Value of Fresh Production	Value of Processed Production
		-----Tons-----		-----\$1,000-----	
2019 ^{2/}	8,700	11,355	51,722	8,630	41,378
2020	8,500	14,280	53,720	12,566	39,323

^{1/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

^{2/} 900 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

