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

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<th>Planted Acreage</th>
<th>Harvested Acreage</th>
<th>Production (Tons)</th>
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<td>Luna</td>
<td>2,800</td>
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<td>Doña Ana</td>
<td>2,300</td>
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<td>Sierra</td>
<td>900</td>
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<td>Other Counties</td>
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<td>4,200</td>
<td>4,600</td>
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<td>STATE</td>
<td>8,400</td>
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(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. Included in Other Counties.
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<th>Variety</th>
<th>Acreage Harvested</th>
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<th>Yield Per Acre</th>
<th>Production</th>
<th>Average Price Per Ton</th>
<th>Value of Production</th>
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<tr>
<td>All Green Chile</td>
<td>4,600</td>
<td>4,200</td>
<td>12.1</td>
<td>14.3</td>
<td>55,725</td>
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<td>All Red Chile</td>
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<td>4,300</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td>1.8</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>8,700</td>
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<td>7.3</td>
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<td>63,075</td>
<td>68,000</td>
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1/ Yields influenced by lower yielding acreage harvested for both green and red.
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

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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.