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2022 New Mexico Chile Production

Total chile production for 2022 in New Mexico was 53,300 tons, a 4.5 percent increase from the 2021 production of 51,000 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 53,300 tons produced, 49,125 tons were green chile and 4,175 tons were red chile. In 2022, all green chile yield was 13.8 tons per acre and all red chile yield was 0.9 tons per acre. For comparison, the all green chile yield was 11.6 tons per acre and the all red chile yield was 1.0 tons per acre in 2021.

Planted chile acreage in 2022 was 8,400 acres, a decrease from 8,700 planted acres in 2021. There were 8,200 acres harvested, roughly 98 percent of the crop. Of the 8,200 total chile acres harvested, 3,560 acres were harvested for green chile and 4,640 acres were harvested for red chile. In 2021, 4,000 acres were harvested for green chile and 4,500 acres were harvested for red chile.

Of the 2022 chile crop, 91.2 percent was sold for processing, 8.6 percent was sold for fresh market, and 0.2 percent was not sold. The value of New Mexico chile production in 2022 was estimated at \$46.2 million, compared to the revised total production value of \$45.0 million in 2021. Chile for processing was valued at \$41.8 million, while the fresh chile value of production was \$4.4 million.

Chile Acreage & Production by County: 2020-2022

	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Luna.....	2,500	2,400	1,860	2,400	2,300	1,860	35,515	20,200	21,000
Doña Ana.....	1,700	1,900	(D)	1,400	1,800	(D)	13,025	16,300	(D)
Sierra.....	(D)	660	(D)	(D)	660	(D)	(D)	9,125	(D)
Other Counties.....	4,500	3,740	6,540	4,400	3,740	6,340	17,060	5,375	32,300
State.....	8,700	8,700	8,400	8,200	8,500	8,200	65,600	51,000	53,300

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

Chile Acreage, Yield, Production & Value by Variety: 2021-2022

Variety	Acreage Harvested		Yield per Acre ¹		Total Production		Average Price Per Ton		Value of Production	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021 ⁴	2022 ⁵	2021	2022	2021	2022
			Tons		Tons		Dollars		\$1,000	
All Green Chile ²	4,000	3,560	11.6	13.8	46,500	49,125	726	756	33,753	37,052
All Red Chile ³	4,500	4,640	1.0	0.9	4,500	4,175	2,506	2,193	11,276	9,155
Total	8,500	8,200	6.0	6.5	51,000	53,300	883	869	45,029	46,207

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 Total production includes 50 tons of chile production that was harvested but not sold and not included in the value of production.

⁵ Total production includes 105 tons of chile production that was harvested but not sold and not included in the value of production.

Chile, Fresh and Processed Production & Value: 2021-2022¹

Year	Acreage Harvested	Fresh Production	Processed Production	Value of Fresh Production	Value of Processed Production
		Tons	Tons	\$1,000	\$1,000
2021 ²	8,500	5,050	45,900	5,555	39,474
2022 ²	8,200	4,585	48,610	4,402	41,805

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Fresh and processed production is utilized production, which is used to calculate the fresh and processed values of production.

