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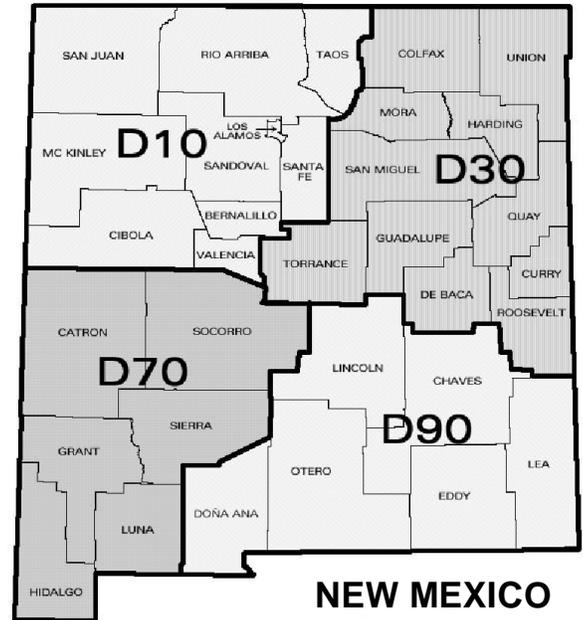
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2010 NEW MEXICO CHILE PRODUCTION

Planted chile acreage in 2010 decreased by 28 percent to 9,150 acres, with 95 percent of the acres harvested at 8,700 acres. Production came in at 66,600 tons compared to 72,700 the previous year. Most varieties had a smaller acreage harvested from the 2009 crop year with the exception of Long Mild. Long Mild harvested acreage rose from 3,300 acres in 2009 to 3,800 harvested acres in 2010.

At the state level, yields were down in 2010 for most varieties. Paprika was the lone variety with a higher yield at 1.9 tons per acre compared to 1.6 in 2009. Long Mild Green yields were 12.7 tons to the acre and Long Hot Green 9.1 tons per acre. Long Red was 1.1 tons per acre.

The value of New Mexico chile was estimated at \$41.6 million, compared to \$57.4 million in 2009.



2010 Chile: Acreage and Production by District & County

District/ County	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
District 70	5,200	5,100	4,750	4,700	4,900	4,400	32,640	33,400	35,550
Hidalgo ¹	700	900	^{1/}	700	800	^{1/}	4,500	5,300	^{1/}
Luna	3,700	3,200	3,100	3,300	3,200	2,950	23,220	22,900	24,900
Other Counties ^{2/}	800	1,000	1,650	700	900	1,450	4,920	5,200	10,650
District 90	7,100	7,700	4,400	6,400	7,400	4,300	27,500	39,300	31,050
Doña Ana	3,800	3,900	2,900	3,200	3,700	2,800	20,600	32,000	25,750
Other Counties	3,300	3,800	1,500	3,200	3,700	1,500	6,900	7,300	5,250
STATE	12,300	12,800	9,150	11,100	12,300	8,700	60,140	72,700	66,600

^{1/}To avoid disclosure, published in District 70 Other Counties.

^{1/} District10 & District 30 were included in District 70 Other Counties.

Chile Acreage, Yield, Production & Value by Variety

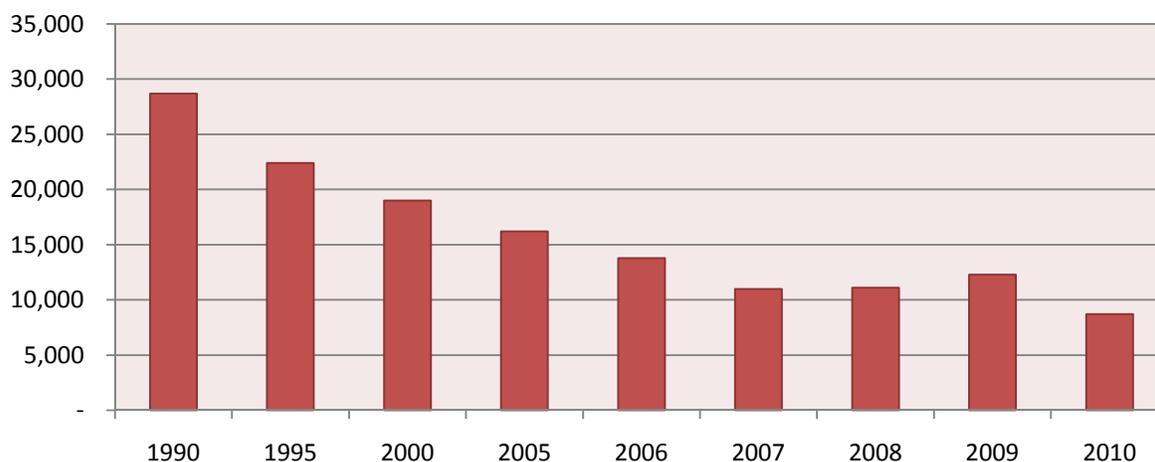
Variety	Acreage Harvested ^{1/}		Yield Per Acre ^{2/}		Production		Average Price Per Ton		Value of Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
Green			-----Tons-----				-----Dollars-----		-----\$1,000-----	
Long Mild	3,300	3,800	13.3	12.7	44,000	48,150	455	496	20,000	23,900
Long Hot	1,300	1,250	10.3	9.1	13,400	11,350	538	474	7,210	5,375
Red										
Paprika	5,800	2,550	1.6	1.9	9,000	4,950	1,971	1,737	17,740	8,600
Long Hot/Mild ^{3/}	3,100	2,000	2.0	1.1	6,300	2,150	1,971	1,737	12,420	3,735
Total	12,300	8,700	5.9	7.7	72,700	66,600	789	625	57,370	41,610

^{1/} 900 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

^{2/} Yields influenced by lower yielding acreage harvested for both green and red.

^{3/} Beginning in 2010 Red Long Hot were combined with Red Long Mild.

Chile Harvested Acreage



Chile Yields by District, County and Variety

District/County	----Green----				----Red----			
	Long Mild		Long Hot		Paprika		Long	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	----- Tons -----				----- Tons -----			
District 70	12.9	11.7	1/	1/	1.6	2.2	2.4	1.1
Luna	16.7	12.2	1/	1/	1.6	2.1	2.0	1.1
District 90	13.8	14.2	10.4	9.2	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.0
Doña Ana	13.8	13.9	10.5	9.3	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.0
State	13.3	12.7	10.3	9.1	1.6	1.9	2.0	1.1

^{1/} Not published to avoid disclosing individual information.