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2017 NEW MEXICO CHILE PRODUCTION

Planted chile acreage in 2017 decreased 12 percent to 8,100 acres with 7,600 acres, or 94 percent of the acres harvested. Production in 2017 was 62,700 tons compared to 69,600 tons the previous year. Seventy-nine percent of the crop was sold for processing, with 21 percent of the crop sold as fresh market.

Long Hot Green harvested acres decreased from 2,200 acres in 2016 to 2,100 acres in 2017 and Long Mild Green harvested acres decreased from 2,500 acres in 2016 to 1,900 acres in 2017.

At the state level, yields were higher for Long Hot Green varieties, increasing from 12.4 tons per acre last year to 14.0 tons per acre in 2017. Long Mild Green yields decreased slightly to 13.7 tons per acre, compared to 13.8 tons per acre in 2016.

The value of New Mexico chile production in 2017 was estimated at \$44.6 million, compared to \$51.0 million in 2016. Chile for processing were valued at \$36.7 million, while the fresh chile value of production was \$7.9 million.

2017 Chile: Acreage and Production by County

	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Luna	2,500	3,000	(D)	2,200	2,900	(D)	31,500	32,400	(D)
Doña Ana	2,100	2,300	1,800	1,900	2,200	1,600	22,000	21,700	14,900
Other Counties	3,700	3,900	6,300	3,600	3,600	6,000	13,200	15,500	47,800
STATE	8,300	9,200	8,100	7,700	8,700	7,600	66,700	69,600	62,700

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Chile Acreage, Yield, Production & Value by Variety

Variety	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre ^{1/}		Production		Average Price Per Ton		Value of Production	
	2016 ^{2/}	2017 ^{3/}	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Green			-----Tons-----				----Dollars----		-----\$1,000-----	
Long Mild	2,500	1,900	13.8	13.7	34,600	26,100	536	534	18,530	13,926
Long Hot ^{4/}	2,200	2,100	12.4	14.0	27,200	29,400	644	656	17,508	19,274
All Red Chile^{5/}	4,900	4,400	1.6	1.6	7,800	7,200	1,922	1,577	14,990	11,353
Total	8,700	7,600	8.0	8.3	69,600	62,700	733	711	51,028	44,553

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

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

^{3/} 800 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

^{4/} Includes Jalapeno and Cayenne.

^{5/} Includes Paprika, Red Long Hot, and Red Long Mild.

Chiles, Fresh and Processed Production & Value^{1/}

	Acreage Harvested	Fresh Production	Processed Production	Value of Fresh Production	Value of Processed Production
		-----Tons-----		-----\$1,000-----	
2016 ^{2/}	8,700	13,085	56,515	10,337	40,691
2017 ^{3/}	7,600	13,165	49,533	7,899	36,654

^{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.

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