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2019 NEW MEXICO CHILE PRODUCTION

Planted chile acreage in 2019 increased 8 percent from last year to 9,100 acres, with 8,700 acres, or 96 percent, of the crop harvested. Production in 2019 was 63,075 tons compared to 71,100 tons the previous year. Eighty-two percent of the crop was sold for processing, with 18 percent of the crop sold as fresh market.

Long Hot Green harvested acres increased from 1,700 acres in 2018 to 1,800 acres in 2019 and Long Mild Green harvested acres decreased from 3,400 acres in 2018 to 2,800 acres in 2019.

At the state level, yields were lower for Long Hot Green varieties, decreasing from 11.2 tons per acre last year to 10.6 tons per acre in 2019. Long Mild Green yields at 13.1 tons per acre, were down slightly from 13.7 tons per acre in 2018.

The value of New Mexico chile production in 2019 was estimated at \$50.0 million, compared to \$53.8 million in 2018. Chile for processing were valued at \$41.4 million, while the fresh chile value of production was \$8.6 million.

Chile - Acreage and Production by County: 2017-2019

	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
Luna	(D)	2,800	2,800	(D)	2,700	2,700	(D)	25,900	29,175
Doña Ana	1,800	2,300	2,100	1,600	2,100	2,000	14,900	27,100	15,900
Sierra	(D)	900	(D)	(D)	800	(D)	(D)	8,340	(D)
Other Counties	6,300	2,400	4,200	6,000	2,300	4,000	47,800	9,760	18,000
STATE	8,100	8,400	9,100	7,600	7,900	8,700	62,700	71,100	63,075

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

Chile Acreage, Yield, Production & Value by Variety: 2018-2019

Variety	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre ^{1/}		Production		Average Price Per Ton		Value of Production	
	2018 ^{2/}	2019 ^{3/}	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Green			-----Tons-----				----Dollars----		-----\$1,000-----	
Long Mild	3,400	2,800	13.7	13.1	46,600	36,600	661	624	30,800	22,833
Long Hot ^{4/}	1,700	1,800	11.2	10.6	19,100	19,125	717	701	13,700	13,400
All Red Chile^{5/}	3,400	5,000	1.6	1.5	5,400	7,350	1,716	1,874	9,266	13,775
Total	7,900	8,700	9.0	7.3	71,100	63,075	756	793	53,766	50,008

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

^{2/} 600 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

^{3/} 900 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: 2018-2019^{1/}

	Acreage Harvested	Fresh Production	Processed Production	Value of Fresh Production	Value of Processed Production
		-----Tons-----		-----\$1,000-----	
2018 ^{2/}	7,900	13,510	57,591	9,997	43,769
2019 ^{3/}	8,700	11,355	51,722	8,630	41,378

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

^{2/} 600 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

^{3/} 900 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

