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2016 NEW MEXICO CHILE PRODUCTION

Planted chile acreage in 2016 increased 11 percent to 9,200 acres with 8,700 acres, or 95 percent of the acres harvested. Production in 2016 was 69,000 tons compared to 66,700 tons the previous year. Eighty-one percent of the crop was sold for processing, with 19 percent of the crop sold as fresh market.

Paprika harvested acreage increased from 3,200 acres in 2015 to 3,500 acres in 2016. Long Hot Green harvested acres increased from 2,000 acres in 2015 to 2,200 acres in 2016 and Long Mild Green harvested acres increased from 2,100 acres in 2015 to 2,500 acres in 2016.

At the state level, yields were lower in 2016 for Long Green varieties. Long Mild Green yields were 13.6 tons per acre and Long Hot Green yields were 12.3 tons per acre. Paprika yield rose to 1.6 tons per acre compared to 1.3 tons per acre a year earlier. Long Red yields increased slightly to 1.5 tons per acre.

The value of New Mexico chile production in 2016 was estimated at \$50.6 million, compared to \$41.1 million in 2015. Chile for processing were valued at \$40.3 million, while the fresh chile value of production was \$10.3million.

2016 Chile: Acreage and Production by County

	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Luna	2,300	2,500	3,000	2,200	2,200	2,900	23,600	31,500	32,150
Doña Ana	2,000	2,100	2,300	1,900	1,900	2,200	20,700	22,000	21,500
Other Counties	3,800	3,700	3,900	3,600	3,600	3,600	14,400	13,200	15,350
STATE	8,100	8,300	9,200	7,700	7,700	8,700	58,700	66,700	69,000

Chile Acreage, Yield, Production & Value by Variety

Variety	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre ^{3/}		Production		Average Price Per Ton		Value of Production	
	2015 ^{1/}	2016 ^{2/}	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
Green			-----Tons-----				----Dollars----		----\$1,000----	
Long Mild	2,100	2,500	16.1	13.6	33,900	34,100	487	534	16,515	18,200
Long Hot	2,000	2,200	13.3	12.3	26,600	27,100	501	642	13,335	17,400
Red										
Paprika	3,200	3,500	1.3	1.6	4,000	5,700	1,805	1,860	7,220	10,600
Long Hot/Mild	1,600	1,400	1.4	1.5	2,200	2,100	1,827	2,090	4,020	4,390
Total	7,700	8,700	8.7	7.9	66,700	69,000	616	733	41,090	50,590

^{1/} 1,200 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

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

^{3/} Yields influenced by lower yielding acreage harvested for both green and red.

Chiles, Fresh and Processed Production & Value

	Acreage Harvested	Fresh Production	Processed Production	Value of Fresh Production	Value of Processed Production
		-----Tons-----		-----\$1,000-----	
2015 ^{1/}	7,700	10,700	56,000	7,490	33,600
2016 ^{2/}	8,700	13,000	56,000	10,270	40,320

^{1/} 1,200 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

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