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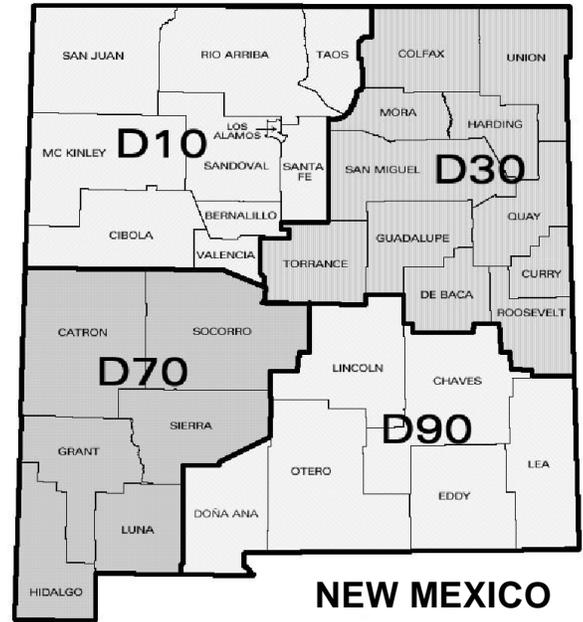
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## 2008 NEW MEXICO CHILE PRODUCTION

The 2008 New Mexico chile production increased to 60,140 tons, 23 percent above 2007. Both planted and harvested acreage increased slightly from 2007. Production increases were due mostly to farmers growing a larger overall percentage of higher yielding green varieties than the previous year. Production was limited by weather conditions and disease damage.

At the state level yields were up for both paprika and long green mild from a year earlier averaging 1.6 and 11.0 tons per acre respectively.

The value of New Mexico chile was estimated at \$42.3 million, 48 percent above the previous year. Increases in contract prices resulted in a higher production value.



### Chile Acreage and Production by District & County

District / County	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
<b>District 70</b>	7,800	5,600	5,200	7,000	5,200	4,700	42,520	31,700	32,640
Hidalgo	2,200	700	700	1,900	600	700	6,450	2,850	4,500
Luna	4,600	4,000	3,700	4,200	3,700	3,300	32,300	25,150	23,220
Other Counties <sup>1/</sup>	1,400	1,200	800	1,300	1,200	700	4,970	4,100	4,920
<b>District 90</b>	7,100	6,100	7,100	6,400	5,500	6,400	29,680	16,900	27,500
Doña Ana	3,400	3,400	3,800	3,000	3,200	3,200	22,100	12,800	20,600
Other Counties	3,700	2,700	3,300	3,400	2,300	3,200	7,580	4,100	6,900
<b>State</b>	<b>15,300</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>11,100</b>	<b>73,400</b>	<b>49,000</b>	<b>60,140</b>

<sup>1/</sup> District 10 & District 30 were included in District 70 Other Counties.

## Chile Acreage, Yield, Production & Value by Variety

Variety	Acreage Harvested <sup>1/</sup>		Yield Per Acre <sup>2/</sup>		Production		Average Price Per Ton		Value of Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>Green</b>			-----Tons-----				-----Dollars-----		-----\$1,000-----	
Long Mild	2,700	3,600	10.8	11.0	29,100	39,700	315	395	9,180	15,700
Long Hot <sup>3/</sup>	1,300	1,000	8.0	9.0	10,400	9,000	443	462	3,990	4,160
<b>Red</b>										
Paprika	4,800	5,000	1.3	1.6	6,000	7,800	1,528	1,910	9,170	14,900
Long Mild	1,800	2,300	1.3	1.3	2,250	3,100	1,707	2,032	3,840	6,300
Long Hot	1,100	500	1.1	1.1	1,250	540	2,000	2,315	2,500	1,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>11,100</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>49,000</b>	<b>60,140</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>28,680</b>	<b>42,310</b>

<sup>1/</sup> 1,300 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

<sup>2/</sup> Yields influenced by lower yielding acreage harvested for both green and red.

<sup>3/</sup> Beginning in 2008 Jalapeño and Cayenne were combined with Green Long Hot.

## Chile Yields by District, County & Variety

District/County	----Green----				----Red----					
	Long Mild		Long Hot		Paprika		Long Mild		Long Hot	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	----- Tons -----				----- Tons -----					
<b>District 70</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<sup>1/</sup>
Luna	10.5	10.9	9.0	<sup>1/</sup>	1.1	1.8	1.0	1.6	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>
Other Counties	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	1.2	1.0	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>
<b>District 90</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Doña Ana	8.0	10.2	8.0	9.3	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.0
Other Counties	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	1.2	1.5	---	---	---	---
<b>State</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Not published to avoid disclosing individual information.