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2018 NEW MEXICO CHILE PRODUCTION

Planted chile acreage in 2018 increased 4 percent from last year to 8,400 acres, with 7,900 acres, or 94 percent, of the crop harvested. Production in 2018 was 71,100 tons compared to 62,700 tons the previous year. Eighty-one percent of the crop was sold for processing, with 19 percent of the crop sold as fresh market.

Long Hot Green harvested acres decreased from 2,100 acres in 2017 to 1,700 acres in 2018 and Long Mild Green harvested acres increased from 1,900 acres in 2017 to 3,400 acres in 2018.

At the state level, yields were lower for Long Hot Green varieties, decreasing from 14.0 tons per acre last year to 11.2 tons per acre in 2018. Long Mild Green yields at 13.7 tons per acre, were unchanged from 2017.

The value of New Mexico chile production in 2018 was estimated at \$53.8 million, compared to \$44.6 million in 2017. Chile for processing were valued at \$43.8 million, while the fresh chile value of production was \$10.0 million.

Chile - Acreage and Production by County: 2016-2018

	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Luna	3,000	(D)	2,800	2,900	(D)	2,700	32,400	(D)	25,900
Doña Ana	2,300	1,800	2,300	2,200	1,600	2,100	21,700	14,900	27,100
Sierra	(D)	(D)	900	(D)	(D)	800	(D)	(D)	8,340
Other Counties	3,900	6,300	2,400	3,600	6,000	2,300	15,500	47,800	9,760
STATE	9,200	8,100	8,400	8,700	7,600	7,900	69,600	62,700	71,100

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

Chile Acreage, Yield, Production & Value by Variety: 2017-2018

Variety	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre ^{1/}		Production		Average Price Per Ton		Value of Production	
	2017 ^{2/}	2018 ^{3/}	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Green			-----Tons-----				----Dollars----		-----\$1,000-----	
Long Mild	1,900	3,400	13.7	13.7	26,100	46,600	534	661	13,926	30,800
Long Hot ^{4/}	2,100	1,700	14.0	11.2	29,400	19,100	656	717	19,274	13,700
All Red Chile^{5/}	4,400	3,400	1.6	1.6	7,200	5,400	1,577	1,716	11,353	9,266
Total	7,600	7,900	8.3	9.0	62,700	71,100	711	756	44,553	53,766

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

^{2/} 800 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

^{3/} 600 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: 2017-2018^{1/}

	Acreage Harvested	Fresh Production	Processed Production	Value of Fresh Production	Value of Processed Production
		-----Tons-----		-----\$1,000-----	
2017 ^{2/}	7,600	13,165	49,533	7,899	36,654
2018 ^{3/}	7,900	13,510	57,591	9,997	43,769

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

^{2/} 800 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

^{3/} 600 acres were harvested for both green and red, but only counted once in the total.

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