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2024 New Mexico Chile Production

Total chile production in New Mexico for 2024 totaled 52,000 tons, an 11 percent increase from the 2023 production of 46,750 tons, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA in cooperation with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. Of the 52,000 tons produced, 43,400 tons were green chile and 8,600 tons were red chile. In 2024, the green chile yield was 11.5 tons per acre, and the red chile yield was 2.0 tons per acre. For comparison, the green chile yield was 9.0 tons per acre, and the red chile yield was 1.4 tons per acre a year ago.

Producers planted 8,000 acres of chile for harvest in 2024, down 800 acres, or 9 percent, from last year. All 8,000 acres were harvested in 2024, compared with 8,500 acres harvested in 2023. Of the 8,000 acres harvested, 3,790 acres were harvested for green chile, and 4,210 acres were harvested for red chile. A year ago, producers harvested 4,580 acres for green chile and 3,920 acres for red chile.

A breakdown of the 2024 chile production is as follows: 79.9 percent was sold for processing; 20.0 percent was sold for fresh market; and less than 0.1 percent was not sold. The value of utilized chile production in 2024 was estimated at \$52.2 million, compared with \$41.5 million in 2023. In 2024, chile sold for processing was valued at \$36.6 million, while chile sold for fresh market was valued at \$15.6 million.

Chile Acreage & Production by County: 2022-2024

Location	Planted area			Harvested area			Production		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Luna	1,890	2,280	2,490	1,880	2,140	2,490	21,110	27,500	26,005
Doña Ana	(D)	2,050	(D)	(D)	1,960	(D)	(D)	13,500	(D)
Other counties	6,910	4,470	5,510	6,620	4,400	5,510	34,140	5,750	25,995
State	8,800	8,800	8,000	8,500	8,500	8,000	55,250	46,750	52,000

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

Chile Acreage, Yield, Production & Value by Variety: 2023-2024

Variety	Harvested area		Yield per acre ¹		Total production		Average price per ton		Value of production	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023 ⁴	2024 ⁵	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(acres)	(acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)
All green chile ²	4,580	3,790	9.0	11.5	41,120	43,400	711	970	29,100	42,100
All red chile ³	3,920	4,210	1.4	2.0	5,630	8,600	2,195	1,177	12,360	10,062
Total	8,500	8,000	5.5	6.5	46,750	52,000	890	1,004	41,460	52,162

¹ Yields influenced by lower yielding acreage harvested for both green and red.

² Includes Anaheim, Green Long Hot, Green Long Mild, Jalapeno.

³ Includes Cayenne, Paprika, Red Long Hot, and Red Long Mild.

⁴ Total production includes 185 tons of chile production that was harvested but not sold and not included in the value of production.

⁵ Total production includes 50 tons of chile production that was harvested but not sold and not included in the value of production.

Chile, Fresh and Processed Production & Value: 2023-2024 ¹

Year	Harvested area	Fresh production	Processed production	Value of fresh production	Value of processed production
	(acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)
2023 ²	8,500	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2024 ²	8,000	10,400	41,548	15,600	36,562

¹Totals may not add due to rounding.
²Fresh and processed production is utilized production, which is used to calculate the fresh and processed values of production.

