

Arid Southwest IPM Network
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Greenhouse Acreage for Peppers

Question: On January 28 2011, Rick Melnicoe forwarded the following question to the network:

I'm writing to obtain help from the IPM Centers in estimating the number of acres of greenhouse peppers grown in the United States. I'm the plant pathology program manager at the IR-4 Project and we are working with the US EPA to determine the number of residue trials we need to conduct in order to obtain a tolerance and registration on greenhouse peppers. EPA is also looking for estimates of the acreage. I would greatly appreciate it if you could pass this request along to someone who could assist me in determining the greenhouse pepper acreage in your region.

Thanks

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Procedure: Al Fournier sent an email request for information to contacts in Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada through the Arid Southwest IPM Network.

Summary of Responses by State
Sent by email Feb 10, 2011

Arizona

Arizona produces field-grown chile peppers, primarily in the Southeastern part of the state (Cochise and Graham Counties) and another 200 acres in Yuma in Western AZ. There is no significant commercial production of greenhouse peppers. Sunizona Greenhouses, which is a small 3 acre operation in Southeast AZ, produces some bell peppers, perhaps a couple of hundred plants organically. There are a few plants at Willcox Greenhouse for the owners use only.

Nevada

Jay Davison, with University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, is not aware of any commercial pepper production in greenhouses in Nevada. There are perhaps a few hundred square feet grown under hoop houses but no greenhouse production.

New Mexico

According to Tess Grasswitz with New Mexico University, there is little or no glasshouse production of peppers in New Mexico.

SE California

According to Eric Natwick with University of California Cooperative Extension, there are some peppers grown in shade houses in Coachella Valley, but no greenhouse production in Southeastern CA.