



We hear so much about New Mexico chiles that we tend to forget that many other crops are grown in our state. The number one ag crop is alfalfa and the number one food crop, in value, is pecans, and chiles are second now. But we also grow lots of fresh market crops like, believe it or not, cabbage, seen at left. Farmers in New Mexico also grow lots of onions and peanuts.

On a recent trip to Las Cruces, I encountered the



in Georgia, Virginia, and North Carolina. The cotton is the most important crop in the Southeast.



grown in the United States. The peppers are used in a variety of dishes, including chili con carne, salsa, and hot sauce.