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In statements to reporters Nov. 2 in Hermosillo, National Wheat Commission president Roberto Hernandez Quezada said Mexico will have to import 2.5 million metric tons of wheat next year to meet domestic consumption requirements. The Commission is an affiliate of the National Smallholders Confederation (Confederacion Nacional de la Pequena Propiedad-CHPP). According to Hernandez Quezada, Mexico's wheat production this year totals 4 million MT, while domestic consumption averages about 6.5 million MT per annum. Average yield per hectare this year is 5.5 tons. Sonora state accounts for 1.4 million MT of the national wheat harvest. Baja California, Sinaloa and Sonora states account for 70% of Mexico's wheat production. Hernandez Quezada said a price floor guarantee of 585,000 pesos per ton is essential to permit growers to meet production costs and undertake minimal investment for beginning equipment and technique improvements. (Source: Notimex, 11/02/90)

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