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Argentine Agrarian Federation Demands Immediate Government Financial Aid

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Chairman of the Argentine Agrarian Federation (FAA), Humberto Volando, told reporters on Oct. 13 that the "irritation of rural people, exacerbated by poverty," threatens to "overflow natural social boundaries." His statement was recorded at the close of the "March of Misery," culminating in downtown Resistencia. Volando led some 5,080 rural workers from Resistencia province, Misiones province and the north of Santa Fe province in the protest march. Official news agency NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS reported that in meetings with government officials, rural leaders demanded the cancellation of 75% of the agricultural debt contracted in national banks, the refinancing of the remaining 25%, new credits for bankrupt cooperatives, and individual production cost to enable farmers to plant next year's crops.

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