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Coffee production this year is expected to reach 4.5 million 60-kg. sacks. Domestic consumption per annum averages about 1.8 million sacks. Restrictions on imports of lower-quality coffee beans for domestic consumption were recently eliminated. Thus, Mexico's higher grade coffee has been reserved for export. With the collapse of the International Coffee Organization's quota system last year, Mexican coffee exports to the US are expected to total 4 million sacks in 1990, compared to 1.4 million in 1989. The vast majority of Mexico's 240,000 coffee growers are smallholders: 75% own plots of 2 ha. or less. Nine percent of coffeegrowers own plots of 10 ha. or more, and account for 40% of national production. (Source: El Financiero, 10/15/90)

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