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On July 23 in Washington, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that short-term financing available to Ecuador for the purchase of US agricultural commodities had been reduced from US$43 million to US$37 million. The credit line for acquisition of secondary cereal grains (barley, corn, sorghum, oats) was eliminated. Available financing for wheat was reduced from US$23 million to US$17 million; vegetable oils (cotton seed, corn, peanut, flax seed, colza, sunflower seed), from US$9.5 million to US$5 million; and, cotton, from US$6 million to US$1 million. Credit lines for dairy products and oleaginous products (e.g., soybeans) were also reduced. The USDA periodically reviews short-term financing allocations in order to determine which credit lines have not been used. (Source: Agence France-Presse, 07/23/92)

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