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According to a report appearing in the September issue of COMERCIO EXTERIOR, on a nationwide level rural workers earn an average \$5.12 per day, and urban workers, \$10.30 per day. Impoverished households account for 21% of the rural population, and receive 5% of all income received by rural households. The 3% at the top of the rural income pyramid receive 18% of income. In 1980, 65% of urban residences were equipped with running water, compared to only 19% of rural households. In the same year, 71% of urban homes had plumbing and sewage disposal facilities, while only 9% of rural households enjoyed such conveniences. Finally, 90% of urban homes had installed electrical power, compared to 43% of rural homes. (Source: El Financiero, 11/08/90)

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