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Over the first half of the year, the government's agricultural development bank BANRURAL (Banco Nacional de Credito Rural) approved US\$605.1 million in new loans. On Aug. 24, Jose Luis Diaz Moll, leader of the Union General Obrera Campesina Popular, called on the government to implement major reforms of BANRURAL to avoid severe shortages of agricultural commodities. According to Diaz, only 12.5% of all campesinos have access to production loans. (Sources: El Financiero International, 08/24/92; La Jornada, 08/25/92)

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