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On July 25, the Agriculture Secretariat (Secretaria de Agricultura y Recursos Hidraulicos, SARH) confirmed that the corn harvest during the autumn-winter cycle was the highest on record for this period, totaling 3.7 million metric tons. According to SARH statistics, the 1992-1993 autumn-winter corn output surpassed 1991-1992 production by 76% and the 1990-1991 harvest by 165%. The SARH attributed increased production in the autumn-winter cycle to the combination of ideal growing conditions and the fact that farmers were guaranteed a favorable price of US$241 per MT for their corn, which encouraged increased plantings. The SARH now projects corn production for the entire 1992-1993 season at 16 million MT, up from its previous prediction of 14.5 million MT (see SourceMex 03/31/93). Last year's total harvest was 15.6 million MT. Meeting the 16 million MT target will largely depend on continued favorable growing conditions throughout the current spring-summer cycle in key states such as Sinaloa. In fact, on July 14, Sinaloa Gov. Renato Vega Alvarado told the government news agency Notimex recent weather conditions in the state have been so good that production could reach a record 2.2 million MT of corn in the spring-summer cycle. (Sources: El Financiero International, 07/04/93; Notimex, 07/14/93; 07/25/93)

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