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On Aug. 4, the Agriculture Secretariat (Secretaria de Agricultura y Recursos Hidraulicos, SARH) reported that Mexico achieved a US\$310 million agricultural trade surplus for January- May, compared with an agricultural trade deficit of US\$202.5 million in January-May 1992. According to SARH statistics, agricultural exports during the first five months of this year totaled US\$1.440 billion, compared with US\$1.116 billion in January-May 1992. Among the principal exports this year were tomatoes (US\$302 million), other fresh vegetables (US\$468 million), livestock (US\$184 million) and fresh fruit (US\$152 million). In contrast, agricultural imports during January-May totaled only US \$1.130 billion, compared with US\$1.319 billion during the same period in 1992. Imports of oilseeds were valued at US\$53 million, a decline of 20% from the same period last year. Livestock imports declined by 51% from a year ago to US\$48 million. Soybean imports totaled US\$220.5 million, a drop of 10% from the previous year. Sorghum imports declined by 28% to US\$284.6 million. (Source: Notimex, 08/04/93)

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