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At a July 24 press conference in Santiago, president of Chile's national federation of fruit growers, Raimundo Correa, said the industry lost about $100 million as a result of the poisoned fruit scare occurring in March. He added that the losses are less than originally expected. According to Correa, a total of 2.4 million boxes of grapes prepared for shipping and valued at $8.5 million, remained in warehouses and in port facilities. Some of the fruit, he said, was delivered to schools and other public institutions. Correa pointed out that the lion's share of financial losses resulted from canceled orders, and a price drop on the world market provoked by the discovery in the US of two poisoned grapes in a Chilean shipment. He added that prices are recovering. (Basic data from Xinhua, 07/25/89)

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