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On Sept. 19, Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Bernardo Kopper announced that a portion of the 1990-91 sugar harvest would be sold to third markets, result of reduced US sugar quotas next year. The official said that cane growers are experiencing hard times, not only because of the cutback in US imports, but also because of low prices on the world market. Julian Mateos, vice president of the Cane Agricultural League, said Costa Rica's quota was reduced by 8,000 tons, result of the reincorporation of Nicaragua as a sugar exporter to the US. About 15% of total sugarcane production is exported. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 09/19/90)

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