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On Sept. 27, the National Agricultural Development Bank (BANADESA) released a report indicating that this year's harvest of basic grains thus far totals 12.5 million quintals (quintal = 100 lbs.). Roberto Paz Abogavir, head of BANADESA's basic grains unit, said domestic consumption is estimated at 13 million quintals. The bank official said that despite the incidence of drought during the growing season, only 1% of the corn, bean and rice crops were lost, and 2.5% of the sorghum and soybean harvests. In 1989, said Paz Abogavir, basic grains output came to 9.9 million, obligating the government to import grain. The official stated that between 3.5 and 4.5 million quintals have yet to be harvested, bringing this year's total harvest to about 15 million quintals, thus surpassing domestic consumption needs. (Basic data from Notimex, 09/27/90)

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