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On Aug. 22, Marcial Caballero, general secretary of the National Campesinos Union (Union Nacional de Campesinos-UNC) requested that President Rafael Callejas prohibit basic grains exports because drought conditions had cut national crop yields by 20%. In statements to reporters on Aug. 27, a Natural Resources Ministry spokesperson said the government has been forced to import grain to cover the domestic shortfall. The Treasury Ministry has already authorized purchase of \$2 million worth of corn, and 10,000 metric tons of rice. According to the spokesperson, in some areas the drought had resulted in crop losses of up to 50%. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 08/22/91, 08/27/91)

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