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On May 20, journalist Miguel Guerrero and former director of the Dominican Sugar Institute, said the 1990-91 sugar harvest is the worst in Dominican history. Guerrero, also a member of the Central Bank's monetary council (junta monetaria), said the 10 state-run sugar mills will not produce more than 240,000 metric tons over the course of the current cycle. Guerrero's statements contradict the 365,000 MT public sector harvest forecast by the State Sugar Council at the beginning of the harvest. Total Dominican sugar output is forecast at about 750,000 MT, which includes production by the two private companies, Central Romana Corporation and Grupo Vicini. As of May 17, 1990, the public sector sugar mills processed 2.7 million MT of sugarcane, for a total output of 235,000 MT of sugar. Guerrero said that as of May 17 this year, the state-run mills produced 218,000 MT of sugar from 2.6 million MT of cane. According to Guerrero, assuming no heavy rains and no further decline in productivity, the total by the end of May cannot surpass 240,000 MT. (Basic data from EFE, 05/20/91)

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