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On July 29 in Santiago (Chile), Anibal Gomez, secretary general of the Latin American Steel and Iron Institute (ILAFA), told reporters that regional steel output over the first half of the year increased 2.6% compared to the same period in 1990. Most of the increase was attributed to output growth in Brazil, which accounts for 57% of the region's steel output. Proportional changes in steel production in the six major producer nations appear below. Jan.-June 1991/ Jan.-June 1990 Argentina -13.6 Brazil + 8.4 Colombia - 4.4 Mexico - 3.4 Paraguay -21.4 Chile +34.1 Gomez predicted a 6% increase in regional output for 1991 relative to the previous year, and a 7.3% hike in steel consumption. (Basic data from Notimex, 07/29/91)

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