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According to a report released Jan. 25 by the Honduran Coffee Producers Association (Asociacion Hondurena de Productores de Cafe-AHPROCAFE), the 1991-92 harvest is estimated at 2.5 million quintals (48 kg. each). The 1992-93 harvest is projected at only half this amount. Domestic production costs per quintal average about US$46. Meanwhile, world market prices continue in decline. Honduran producers fear prices will drop to the level of the 1950s, or US$50 per quintal. AHPROCAFE represents about 50,000 coffee growers. The Association has called on the government to annul the existing 7% tax on exports, deregulate the exchange rate, and dismantle price controls imposed on domestic coffee sales. (Basic data from Spanish news service EFE, 01/25/92)

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