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On July 27, Armando Erazo, president of a group of Honduran cattle ranchers, told reporters that over the course of the last 20 years, size of the national cattle herd has dropped from over 8 million head to about 2.5 million head. He warned that the country may soon be forced to import beef unless the government adopts measures to address the situation. Erazo noted that in addition to the lack of modernization programs for the cattle sector, the poor handling of agrarian reform programs has also contributed to the current problems faced by ranchers. For 1992, projected beef exports are 12 million kg. generating about US\$30 million in revenues. (Source: Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias-Spanish news service EFE, 07/27/92)

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