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On Dec. 4 in Porto Alegre (Brazil), Brazilian Integration Minister Carlos Chiarelli told reporters that trade this year among member-nations of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) is estimated at US\$6.2 billion, compared to US\$4.3 billion in 1990. MERCOSUR members are Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. In 1991, Argentina's major export items to Brazil were wheat (US\$274 million), fruit (US\$75 million), dairy products (US\$59 million), corn (US\$56 million), beef and processed meat products (US\$55 million), and fish and seafood (US\$42 million). Argentine imports from Brazil were dominated by minerals (US\$130 million), chemicals (US\$84 million), auto parts and components (US\$52 million), and metallurgy products (US\$47 million). (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 12/04/91)

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