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On March 10, the Cuban Communist Party's official newspaper Granma reported that since July 1990, 300,000 residents of Havana's 15 municipalities have been mobilized to participate in agricultural harvests. Havana residents number nearly 2.5 million. Mobilization of over 20,000 workers for agricultural tasks is expected this month. In April, the total will include about 4,000 students. "Temporary mobilizations" are generally for 15 days. In addition to temporary workers, thousands of administrative employees laid off result of the economic crisis were reassigned to agricultural work. The most labor-intensive crops at this time of the year are tomatoes, potatoes, tobacco, plantains, and vegetables. (Basic data from Spanish news service EFE, 03/10/92)

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