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originally set at 7,000 tons for 1989, were reduced to 2,000 tons already purchased from Canada. Further imports were halted thanks to a larger domestic crop.

LIVESTOCK - Imports of cattle during 1988 totalled 3,011 head. In 1989, around 2,500 head (mostly Simmenthal, Holstein and Jersey) were expected to be imported, of which 1,033 head had already been authorized by the middle of the year. Horse imports totalled 163 during 1988 and 300 were expected for 1989, of which 231 already had been authorized.

Imports of <u>swine</u> during 1988 totalled 146 and were expected to reach 300 head in 1989. Germany sold 105 of these pigs. <u>Day-old</u> chick imports totalled 230,360 in 1988 and were expected to reach 260,000 units in 1989.

Semen imports totalled 205,035 doses in 1988 and were forecast to rise to 260,000 doses in 1989, of which 142,000 doses had already been authorized by mid-year. No significant number of embryos has ever been imported into Colombia.

<u>INPUTS</u> - Good opportunities exist for Canadian companies in farm machinery and equipment (tractors, combines, seed cleaners, unloaders, dosifiers, etc.) and fertilizers, pesticide, and mixed feed ingredients, provided Canadian prices are competitive.

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