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BASIC INDICATORS (ECONOMIC/DEMOGRAPHIC/CONSUMPTION)

Economic classification: Industrial Market economy		
Oil exporter or importer (net): Exporter		
Annual per capita income:	US\$3,655	1985
Annual per capita GNP	US\$4,438	1985
Average annual growth		1975-85
Annual inflation rate	12 %	1975-85
Annual inflation rate	9 %	1986
Volume of imports	28.83 billion US\$	1984
Of which food	12%	1984
Of which fuels	33.4%	1984
Principal foreign exchange earning export: Tourism, machinery, agriculture		
Debt service as % of GNP	5 %	1984
Population	38 million	1984
Annual population growth	0.7%	1980-2000
Annual Consumption:		
Flour	2.74 million tonnes or 72 kg/capita	1984
Meat	2.63 million tonnes or 69 kg/capita	1984
Vegetable Oil	775,000 tonnes or 20 kg/capita	1984

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Crop Situation and Outlook

Northern and Central Spain suffered from a severe drought during most of the year and the wheat crop is very poor as a result. Although the last official estimate was given as 4.1 million tonnes, it is believed that the actual wheat harvest may not have passed 3.9 million, a drop of 1.5 million tonnes compared to 1985. The shortfall in grain, combined with the diminished grazing capacity in northern Spain will increase Spain's need to import grain during the coming months.

Under the recently applied EEC levy system Spain will have to import most of her grain requirements from the Community e.g. France and the U.K. Imports from U.S.A. and Canada will suffer accordingly.

The production of corn, which increased in 1986 was not affected by the drought as it is grown in irrigated areas.

Estimates for the 1986 coarse grain harvest are as follows (1985 figures in brackets):

	<u>Area Planted ('000 hectares)</u>		<u>Production ('000 tonnes)</u>	
Wheat	2,076	(2,024)	4,100	(5,409)
Barley	4,203	(4,108)	7,000	(10,519)
Oats	370	(456)	500	(698)
Rye	225	(247)	250	(294)
Corn	515	(480)	3,250	(2,860)
Sorghum	18	(22)	90	(102)