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## Venezuela

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### **Production of agricultural commodities falls in 2010**

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**Report Highlights:**

Post provides information on Venezuela's agriculture production, per industry publications and statements. According to these commentators, Venezuela's production goals for agricultural commodities as corn, rice, sorghum, sugar cane, coffee, and some vegetables, were not fulfilled.

**General Information:**

According to FEDEAGRO, a leading Venezuelan agricultural producer association, this year's corn, rice, sorghum, sugar cane, and coffee harvests were lower than planned. Venezuelan farmers were hoping that during the year 2010 they would recover from the impact of the drought of 2009; nevertheless, data for 2010 demonstrate that this goal was not met, especially in corn, rice and sorghum.

Of these three cereals, only corn registered slight growth in output with regard to the previous year (4.6 percent). Nevertheless, it is still below the 2007 crop, which the Ministry of Agriculture registered at 2,995,000 tons. In rice, 2010 production represented a fall of 31 percent with regard to the previous year, and in sorghum the decrease was 13 percent.

Sugar cane production reached 5.8 mmt, a decrease of 20 percent with regard to 2009, and 42 percent lower than 2007. Potatoes, tomatoes, and onions registered declines of 60 percent, 18 percent, and 23 percent, respectively.

Source: FEDEAGRO