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Report Highlights:

USDA/FAS-Moscow decreased its previous 2010 beet sugar production estimate by eight percent, following negative reports at the close of harvest. In turn, the Ministry of Agriculture stated how this had negatively influenced plans for import substitution of sugar and further decided to extend the Ministry program “Development of the Sugar Beet Industry for 2010-2012” to 2017.

General Information:**Production**

USDA/FAS-Moscow decreased its previous 2010 beet sugar production estimate by eight percent, following negative reports at the close of harvest from the Ministry of Agriculture. On December 1, 2010, the Ministry of Agriculture hosted a special meeting devoted to discussing the 2010 sugar beet harvest results. Official comments indicate the summer's record drought affected 17 out of 26 sugar beet planting regions – forcing an abandonment of 250,000 hectares – and was primarily responsible for cutting yields 10 MT/hectare as compared to 2009.

Trade

Additionally, comments highlighted how this situation had negatively influenced plans for import substitution of sugar.

Policy

In a press-release, the Ministry of Agriculture stated it supported the request from the sugar processing industry to extend the measures envisaged in the Ministry program “Development of the Sugar Beet Industry for 2010-2012” to 2017.

The press release of the Russian Ministry of Agriculture in Russian:

<http://www.mcx.ru/news/news/show/4297.178.htm>