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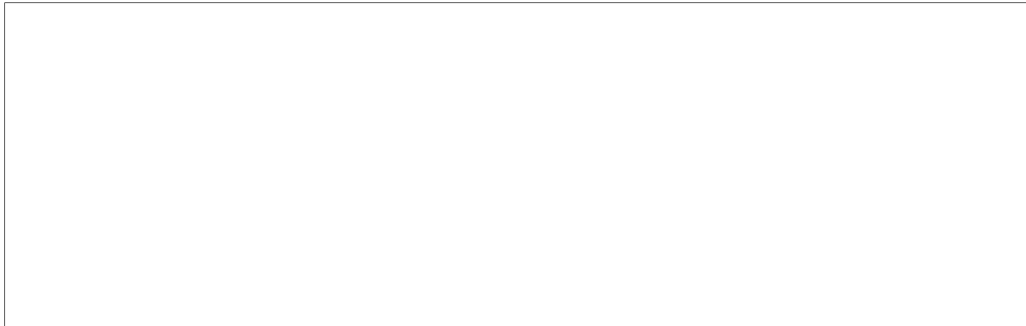
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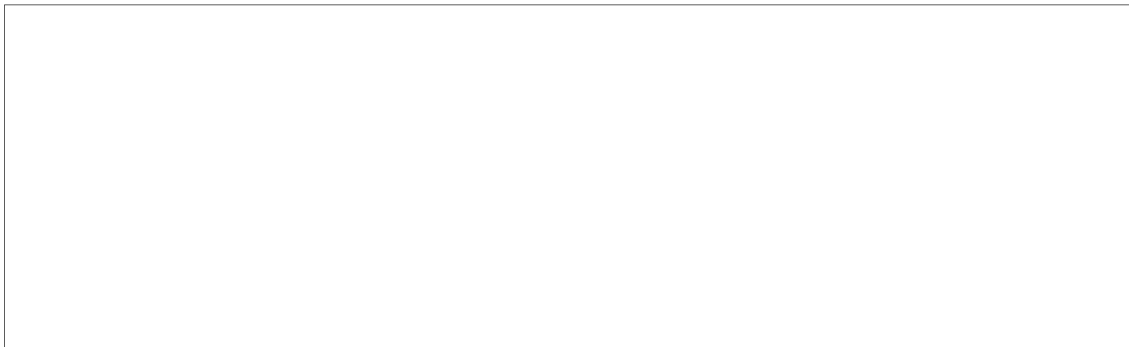
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3. EASTERN EUROPE: GRAIN HARVEST AVERAGE

THE 1988 GRAIN HARVEST IN EASTERN EUROPE WAS ABOUT AVERAGE, BUT SOME COUNTRIES SUFFERED MODERATE-TO-HEAVY CROP LOSSES BECAUSE OF DROUGHT. MILD WINTER WEATHER HELPED HUNGARY, ROMANIA, AND YUGOSLAVIA

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RECORD ABOVE-AVERAGE WINTER WHEAT CROPS. DRY SUMMER WEATHER, HOWEVER, OFFSET THESE GAINS BY REDUCING THE OUTPUT OF CORN AND OTHER CROPS. MOST AFFECTED BY THE DROUGHT WERE YUGOSLAVIA AND, TO A LESSER DEGREE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND EAST GERMANY. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: ECONOMIC AND TRADE PERFORMANCE IN MOST EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WILL BENEFIT ONLY SLIGHTLY FROM THIS YEAR'S HARVEST. MOST OF THE COUNTRIES THAT HAVE ABOVE-AVERAGE WHEAT HARVESTS WILL EXPORT SMALL QUANTITIES OF WHEAT, BUT THIS MAY BE OFFSET BY THE NEED TO IMPORT CORN. CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND EAST GERMANY ALSO WILL HAVE TO IMPORT MORE GRAIN TO SUSTAIN BREAD QUALITY AND FEED SUPPLIES. OVERALL SUPPLIES FOR CONSUMERS IN EASTERN EUROPE PROBABLY WILL BE SUFFICIENT IN THE COMING YEAR, BUT SPOT SHORTAGES OF SUGAR, RICE, VEGETABLE OIL, AND SOME OTHER STAPLES WILL OCCUR. THE IMPROVED HARVEST IN ROMANIA WILL DO LITTLE TO EASE THE LOT OF CONSUMERS BECAUSE THE CEAUSESCU REGIME WILL DIRECT MOST OF THE INCREASED PRODUCTION TO HARD CURRENCY EXPORTS. [REDACTED]

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