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FACT SHEET: Food Assistance to Peru under U.S. PL-480 Program

- The Bush Administration will provide \$45 million of food assistance to Peru in fiscal year 2002 under the PL-480 Program. This assistance will help improve the nutrition levels of young children, increase the availability of and access to food for families in extreme poverty in the rural highlands, and increase the income of food-insecure Peruvians by expanding the outreach of micro-finance services.
- \$10 million is provided as concessional credit to buy wheat, which is sold by the Government of Peru to Peruvian wheat mills, generating funds to support a variety agricultural development activities. These include strengthening national agricultural institutions, improving dairy collection facilities, assisting Peru's food safety system, enhancing agricultural training, and improving rural transportation and health systems.
- \$35 million is provided in food - approximately 95,000 tons -- which will be donated under Title II of the PL-480 program, an increase of \$5 million from the year before. The assistance will be distributed through programs implemented by non-profit, private voluntary organizations.
 - Approximately one-third of that food will be distributed directly to needy individuals.
 - The remaining two-thirds will be sold by Peru, and the resulting funds used to improve the well-being of the extremely poor.
- The U.S. Government has supported PL-480 programs in Peru for over 40 years, during which time it has provided over \$1 billion of assistance.