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compound (ARGI) The government said it would streamline its enormous and often-criticized food marketing and distribution network , Compania Nacional de Subsistencias Populares , or Conasupo q:i-h-h n\_of:x-i v\_to:e-i-h-i pron:x v\_modal:e-h v:e-i-p q:i-h-h a:e-p \_ v\_for-as:e-i-p n:x v:e-i-p \_ n:x v:e-i-p \_ n:x n\_of:x-i named:x-c na Conasupo Director Ignacio Ovalle Fernandez said the agency will sell 589 midsized supermarkets and several food-production plants and warehouses beginning early next year named:x-c n\_of:x-i named:x-c named:x-c n\_of:x-i named:x-c named:x-c v\_to:e-i-h-i q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i-p card:i-i-c a:e-u n:x a:e-p n\_of:x-i n:x n\_of:x-i v:e-i-p time\_n:x q:i-h-h n:x [21254003] The agency will withdraw from the production of nine food products , maintaining production of the two most important ones , corn and milk . q:i-h-h n:x \_ v:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n\_of:x-i \_ card:i-i-c n:x n:x \_ v:e-i-p n\_of:x-i \_ q:i-h-h card:i-i-c superl:e-u a\_for:e-p-i x:x \_ n:x \_and\_c Mr. Ovalle also said Conasupo will cut back subsidies to producers of nonessential farm products and close retail outlets in wealthy neighborhoods n:x named:x-c a:e-h v\_to:e-i-h-i named:x-c v\_back:e-i-i c n\_of:x-i p:e-u-i n\_of:x-i a:e-p n:x n:x p:e-u-i a:e-p n\_of:x-i \_ [21254005] —(ARGI)— The agency 's workers and private companies would be allowed to bid for the assets up for sale . q:i-h-h n:x \_ n:x \_ a:e-p n\_of:x-i v\_modal:e-h \_ v:e-i-i-h \_ v:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-i p:e-u-i n\_of:x \_ Conasupo controls prices on agricultural goods and operates retail outlets where basic consumer items are sold at state-subsidized prices on nof:x-i v:e-i-p n\_of:x-i v:e-i-p n\_ [21254007] Business leaders have long criticized the agency as a leading example of bureacratic waste .

n:x n\_of:x-i = a:e-e v\_for-as:e-i-p-i q:i-h-h n:x = q:i-h-h v:e-i-p n\_of:x-i = a:e-u n\_of:x-i = ... Private-sector leaders praised the Conasupo restructuring n:x n\_of:x-i v:e-i-p q:i-h-h named:x-c v:e-i But most economists doubt the streamlining would cut deeply into Conasupo government subsidy , which largely goes to reduce consumer prices for corn and milk . c:i-i-i q:i-h-h v:e-i-p v\_modal:e-h v:e-i a:e-e p:e-u-i named:x-c n\_of:x-i n\_

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