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Supermarket Tour

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Report Highlights:

FAS/Caracas visited four major supermarket chains in Caracas to check grocery supply levels. Post reports on food availability and shortages in the capital.

General Information:

Post visited selected stores of the major supermarket chains to learn about the current situation of food and beverage availability. One of the supermarkets visited (Abastos Bicentenario) was formerly the private chain CADA, but it has since been expropriated by the Government of Venezuela.

The four stores were well supplied. The levels of supplies are the same, or better in some cases, when compared to the supermarket visits that were done by this office three months ago. Larger levels of supplies were observed especially for milk, sugar and rice.

Among the products verified as readily available were: apples, pears, oatmeal, powdered milk, UHT milk, beef, poultry, eggs, salt, breakfast cereals, rice, corn flour, tuna, vegetable oil, butter, margarine, coffee, sugar, juices, yellow cheese, and wheat flour.

The stores visited belong to the following supermarket chains:

EXCELSIOR GAMA
AUTOMERCADOS PLAZA'S
SUPERMERCADO SANTA ROSA DE LIMA
ABASTOS BICENTENARIO (Former CADA)