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BELORUSSIAN SSR ONE PERCENT OVER FIRST-QUARTER GOAL

The first-quarter gross-production plan was fulfilled 101 percent by industrial enterprises of the Belorussian SSR. Gross production in the first quarter of 1949 increased 52 percent over the first quarter of 1948.

The first-quarter gross-production plan was completed by individual oblasts of the Belorussian SSR as follows:

	1st Quarter 49 in %	1st Quarter 49 in % of 1st Quarter 48
Baranovich Oblast	99.7	142
Bobruysk Oblast	104	136
Brest Oblast	99.8	145
Vitebsk Oblast	99.5	158
Gomel' Oblast	107	173
Grodno Oblast	96	137
Minsk Oblast	107	149
including City of Minsk	106	150
Mogilev Oblast	100.5	224
Melodechno Oblast	91	114
Pinsk Oblast	105	130
Poleskaya Oblast	90	141
Polotsk Oblast	98	130

Minsk, Gomel', Mogilev, Bobruysk, and Pinsk oblasts exceeded the gross-production plan, but failed to fulfill the plan for quantity of production of a number of important products.

Industrial enterprises of Minsk Oblast failed to fulfill the quarter plan for production of certain types of machine tools, tiles, lime, roofing paper, lumber, sewn articles, soap, and timber hauling; Gomel' Oblast

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paper, hosiery, bricks, lime, lumber, standard housing; Mogilev Oblast -- logging, cement production, aluminumware, water pipes, and bricks; Bobruysk Oblast -- timber logging and hauling, lumber, hydroturbines, tiles, bricks; Pinsk Oblast -- lumber, carts, shoes, and sewn articles.

The first-quarter gross-production plan was fulfilled as follows by Union-Republic and Republic ministries:

	<u>1st Quarter 49</u> <u>in %</u>	<u>1st Quarter 49 in %</u> <u>of 1st Quarter 48</u>
Ministry of Construction Materials Industry	102	160
Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry	93	115
Ministry of Light Industry	102	166
Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry	95	111
Ministry of Food Industry	108	161
including:		
Republic industry	104	152
Rayon industry	168	366
Ministry of Quaternary Industry	100.7	187
Ministry of Local Industry	103	167
including:		
Republic industry	105	184
Rayon industry	101	151
Ministry of Local Fuel Industry	98	187
Main Administration of Fish Industry.		
Soviet of Ministers Belorussian SSR	111	130

The first-quarter production plan for basic types of products was completed as follows:

	<u>1st Quarter 49</u> <u>in %</u>	<u>1st Quarter 49 in %</u> <u>of 1st Quarter 48</u>
Electric power	111	161
Bricks	82	202
Lime	92	201
Tiles	59	147
Lumber	89	128
Matches	105	180
Paper	99.9	231
Saw frames	204	354
Cast-iron pipes	72	700
Nails	104	159
Radio receivers	103	136
Hard leather goods	97	137
Russian leather	115	129
Chrome leather	92	139
Shoes	99	174
Woolen fabrics	105	232
Hosiery	94	207
Knitted underwear	106	249
Knitted outer garments	75	150
Confectionary goods	112	195
Butter	157	124
Alcohol	108	178
Household soap	109	159

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The following ministries fulfilled the gross production plan, but failed to fulfill the plan for quantity of production of certain items: Ministry of Light Industry -- chrome leather, hosiery, knitted underwear, carpeting, assorted dishes, sewn articles; Ministry of Food Industry -- vegetable oil, canned food, and molasses; Ministry of Custatory Industry -- cigarettes, and wine; Ministry of Local Industry -- cast-iron pipes, nails, bricks, lime, lumber, shoes, hard-leather goods, and soap.

The following ministries failed to complete both the first-quarter gross-production plan and the plan for quantity of production: Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry, Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry, and Ministry of Local Fuel Industry.

Industrial cooperatives completed 97 percent of the first-quarter 1949 gross-production plan, and failed to fulfill the quarter plan for quantity of production of the following items: bricks, lime, beds, carts, household soap, shoes, hard and soft-leather goods, hosiery, cotton and linen fabrics, and knitted outer garments.

Cooperatives of Invalids fulfilled the first-quarter gross-production plan 111 percent, but failed to fulfill the plan for quantity of production of the following items: metalware, household soap, shoes, hosiery, knitted outer garments, confectionary goods, and timber hauling.

The Republic as a whole completed 97 percent of the first-quarter plan for capital construction. The volume of capital construction during the first quarter 1949 amounted to 116 percent of the first quarter 1948 volume.

The quarter plan for capital construction was fulfilled and exceeded by the following Union-Republic and Republic ministries and main administration under the Council of Ministers, Belorussian SSR: Construction Materials Industry, Local Fuel Industry, Education, Automobile Transport, Main Roads Administration, Main Power Administration, and Administration of Arts. The following ministries and main administrations under the Council of Ministers Belorussian SSR also exceeded the plan for capital investments: Ministry of Civilian Housing Construction, Main Administration for Reconstruction of the City of Minsk, and Main Administration of Construction of Industrial Enterprises.

The first-quarter production plan for contract building and assembly work was fulfilled as follows by Republican building contractors:

	<u>1st Quarter 49</u> <u>in %</u>	<u>1st Quarter 49 in %</u> <u>of 1st Quarter 48</u>
Ministry of Civilian Housing Construction	88	142
Main Administration for Reconstruction of the City of Minsk	109	165
Main Administration of Construction of Industrial Enterprises	119	108
including		
"Beltraktorostroy" Trust No 1	123	111

Preparations for spring planting were made more efficiently than last year. Machine-tractor stations of western oblasts of the Republic considerably exceeded the plan for tractor repairs. MTSs of the Belorussian SSR had exceeded the repair plan for plows, sowing machines, and cultivators by 1 April 1949 and completed 94 percent of the winter-repair plan for tractors.

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Trading organizations of the Belorussian SSR completed 97 percent of the first-quarter plan for retail commodity turnover, including Main Administration of Local Markets, Belorussian SSR, 95 percent, and Belorussian Cooperatives' Union, 100.1 percent.

The lowering of State retail prices on consumers' goods in the first quarter 1949 was followed by a considerable increase in commodity turnover. In March 1949, retail commodity turnover by all trading organizations of the Belorussian SSR had increased 23 percent over February 1949.

In March 1949 the Belorussian Union of Cooperatives had increased commodity turnover 30 percent over February 1949. The lowering of State retail prices also caused a considerable increase in kolkhoz trade and lowering of market prices. During the first quarter 1949, kolkhoz markets sold more than during the first quarter of 1948: grain 3.5 times, flour 4.5 times, potatoes - more than double, and vegetables, meat, lard, milk, and butter, 1.5 times. As compared with March 1948 prices, kolkhoz market prices in March 1949 dropped as follows: beef, 34 percent; potatoes, 42 percent; onions, 67 percent; creamery butter, 28 percent; and eggs, 23 percent.

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