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HO LOWERS PRICES OF GRAIN PRODUCTS IN EAST GERMANY

In connection with the removal from rationing of grain products and legumes, the people-owned HO (Trade Organization) has lowered prices of these products, effective 1 January 1951. Average price reductions are as follows:

Product	Av Price Reduction (%)
Wheat flour, 40%	30
Wheat flour, 72%	18
Rye flour	38
Oat and barley products	40
Legumes	40
Paste products	30
Rye bread	20
Special breads	40
White bread	21
Wheat bakery products, 0 to 40%	20
Wheat bakery products, 5 to 78%	50

Actual HO price changes for individual products, and percentages of price reduction are as follows:

Wheat and Rye Flour	Unit	Former HO Price	Price Beginning 1 Jan '51, GDR	Price Beginning 1 Jan 51, Berlin	Price Reduction (%)
Wheat flour 0-40 (Type W-405)	500	1.20	0.85	0.85	30
Wheat flour 5-72 (Type W-630)	500	0.80	0.66	0.66	18
Wheat flour 5-78 (Type W-812)	500	--	0.64	0.64	New type

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<u>Wheat and Rye Flour</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Former HO Price</u>	<u>Price Beginning 1 Jan 51, GDR</u>	<u>Price Beginning 1 Jan 51, Berlin</u>	<u>Price Re- duction (%)</u>
Wheat grits 0-5 (Type W-550)	500	1.30	0.85	0.85	35
Rye flour 68% (Type R-764)	500	0.55	0.35	0.36	35
Rye flour 75% (Type R-997)	500	0.50	0.30	0.32	39
Rye flour 88% (Type R-1500)	500	0.45	0.28	0.28	37
<u>Oat and Barley Products</u>					
Oatmeal	500	0.80	0.49	0.54	40
Barley grits	500	0.45	0.26	0.32	40
<u>Legumes</u>					
Peas, unshelled	500	0.65	0.39	0.39	40
Beans for human consumption	500	0.65	0.39	0.39	40
<u>Paste Products</u>					
Noodles with 40% wheat flour	500	1.60	1.13	1.13	29
Noodles with 5-78% wheat flour	500	1.30	0.90	0.90	31
Noodles with 70% 0-78 wheat flour and 30% wheat grits	500	1.30	0.97	0.97	25
Noodles with 50% 5-78 wheat flour and 50% wheat grits	500	1.30	1.01	1.01	22
<u>Rye Bread</u>					
Rye bread, 68%	1,000	0.80	0.60	0.64	20
Rye bread, 75%	1,000	0.70	0.52	0.60	[not given]
Caraway bread, 75%	1,000	0.70	0.52	0.60	20
Rye bread, standard 88%	1,000	0.62	0.48	0.56	16
<u>Special Breads</u>					
Steinmetz bread	1,000	0.90	0.50	0.50	45
Health bread (diet bread)	1,000	1.10	0.64	0.64	42
Graham bread	1,000	1.00	0.54	0.54	46
Schlueter bread	1,000	0.90	0.54	0.54	40

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<u>Special Breads</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Former HO Price</u>	<u>Price Beginning 1 Jan 51, GDR</u>	<u>Price Beginning 1 Jan 51, Berlin</u>	<u>Price Re- duction (%)</u>
Knaeckebrot	1,000	2.40	2.12	2.12	12
Knaeckebrot in packages	235	0.56	0.50	0.50	12
Pumpernickel	1,000	1.60	0.96	0.96	40
Pumpernickel in packages	250	0.40	0.24	0.24	40
Whole grain bread	1,000	0.80	0.45	0.45	44
<u>White Bread</u>					
White bread with 5-72% wheat flour	1,000	1.60	1.26	1.26	21
White bread with 5-78% wheat flour	1,000	1.60	1.22	1.22	New type
<u>Bakery Products</u>					
Wheat bakery products with 40% wheat flour: crescents, small rolls, etc.	each	0.15	0.12	0.12	20
Wheat bakery products with 5-78% wheat flour: hard rolls, white bread, etc.	each	0.12	0.06	0.06	50

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