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BELORUSSIAN SSR FAILS TO MEET FIRST-QUARTER PLAN,
 SHOWS IMPROVEMENT IN SECOND QUARTER

The Statistics Administration Belorussian SSR reports that Belorussian industry completed 97 percent of the first-quarter gross-production plan, including 103 percent by Union enterprises and 94 percent by republic, oblast, and rayon enterprises. The second-quarter gross-production plan was fulfilled 104 percent, including 107 percent by Union enterprises and 103 percent by republic, oblast, and rayon enterprises.

Gross production of Belorussian industry in the first quarter 1951 increased 19 percent over the first quarter 1950, and gross production in the second quarter 1951 increased 18 percent over the second quarter 1950.

Individual oblasts of the Belorussian SSR fulfilled the second-quarter gross-production plan as follows:

	<u>Percent</u>
Baranovich Oblast	104
Bobruysk Oblast	105
Brest Oblast	102
Vitebsk Oblast	101
Gomel' Oblast	106
Grodno Oblast	107
Minsk Oblast (excluding Minsk city)	104
Minsk city	105
Mogilev Oblast	110
Molodechno Oblast	105
Pinsk Oblast	99.4
Poles'ye Oblast	100.3
Polotsk Oblast	100.7

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The following oblasts and Minsk city, while fulfilling the second-quarter gross-production plan, failed to meet the plan for production of the items indicated: Baranovichi Oblast -- bricks, knit outerwear, and vegetable oil; Bobruysk Oblast -- bricks, roofing tiles, butter, peat extraction; Brest Oblast -- roofing tiles and meat; Vitebsk Oblast -- lime, meat, butter, and vegetable oil; Gomel' Oblast -- footwear, knit outerwear, meat, and butter; Grodno Oblast -- bricks, roofing tiles, and butter; Minsk Oblast -- roofing tiles and lime; Mogilev Oblast -- slate, paper, and butter; Molodechno Oblast -- bricks, cardboard, and meat; Poles'ye Oblast -- bricks and butter; Polotsk Oblast -- bricks and meat; Minsk city -- automobiles, metal-cutting machines, bricks, and lumber.

The first- and second-quarter gross-production plans were fulfilled as follows by Union-republic and republic ministries and departments of the Belorussian SSR:

	1st Qu 51 in %	1st Qu 51 in % of 1st Qu 50	2d Qu 51 in %
Ministry of Construction Materials Industry BSSR (Belorussian SSR)	87	111	102
Ministry of Timber Industry BSSR	77	81	110
Ministry of Light Industry BSSR	102	128	105
Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry BSSR	100.1	130	94
Ministry of Food Industry BSSR	97	108	111
Including:			
Republic enterprises	97	106	111
Rayon enterprises	105	126	110
Ministry of Local Industry BSSR	87	124	99
Including:			
Republic enterprises	100	148	102
Oblast and rayon enterprises	80	112	97
Ministry of Local Fuel Industry BSSR	103	120	102
Main Administration of Fish Industry, Council of Ministers BSSR	83	89	100.1
Ministry of Automobile Transport BSSR	100.9	133	107
Ministry of Civilian Housing Construction BSSR	95	113	--
Main Administration of Industrial Construction, Council of Ministers BSSR	80	87	--
Main Administration for Reconstruction of the City of Minsk, Council of Ministers BSSR	90	114	--
Council of Industrial Cooperatives BSSR	94	120	97
Belorussian Union of Invalids' Cooperatives	97	123	105
Main Power Administration, Council of Ministers BSSR	102	120	99.5

The following ministries, while fulfilling the second-quarter gross-production plan, failed to meet the plan for the items indicated: Ministry of Construction Materials Industry BSSR -- bricks, lime, and roofing tiles; Ministry of Light Industry BSSR -- carpets, dishware, and hide glue; Ministry of Food Industry BSSR -- vegetable oil, molasses, beer, and yeast; Ministry of Local Industry BSSR -- peat briquettes; Main Administration of Fish Industry, Council of Ministers BSSR -- fish catch and canning of fish; Belorussian Union of Invalids' Cooperatives -- household string, furniture, hosiery, and shoe repair.

The plan for production of chief types of industrial goods in the second quarter was fulfilled as follows:

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	<u>Percent</u>
Rolled metal (Ministry of Local Industry Belorussian SSR)	89
Electric power	108
Including:	
Belorusenergo	110
Main Power Administration, Council of Ministers BSSR	104
Electric motors up to 100 kilowatt (Ministry of Local Industry BSSR)	99.3
Metal-cutting machine tools	107
Including:	
Union enterprises of the Ministry of Machine Tool Building	98
Automobiles	96
Bicycles	104
Tractors	137
Cement	97
Bricks	81
Including:	
Ministry of Construction Materials Industry BSSR	97
Window glass	102
Slate	72
Lime	84
Including:	
Ministry of Construction Materials Industry BSSR	92
Ministry of Local Industry BSSR	64
Council of Industrial Cooperatives BSSR	79
Peat extraction	106
Including:	
Ministry of Local Fuel Industry BSSR	100.5
Hauling of timber and firewood	146
Including:	
Ministry of Timber Industry BSSR	147
Lumber	105
Including:	
Ministry of Timber Industry BSSR	114
Ministry of Local Industry BSSR	100.5
Matches	106
Plywood	110
Paper	99.2
Linen fabric	104
Woolen fabric	102
Including:	
Ministry of Light Industry BSSR	106
Hosiery	106
Including:	
Ministry of Light Industry BSSR	118
Knit underwear	102
Including:	
Ministry of Light Industry BSSR	100.5
Knit outerwear	83
Including:	
Ministry of Light Industry BSSR	100.2
Footwear	99.0
Including:	
Ministry of Light Industry BSSR	106
Council of Industrial Cooperatives BSSR	69
Fish catch (Main Administration of Fish Industry, Council of Ministers BSSR)	91
Meat (Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry BSSR)	83
Butter (Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry BSSR)	84

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	<u>Percent</u>
Confectionery	109
Including:	109
Ministry of Food Industry BSSR	112
Macaroni products (Ministry of Food Industry BSSR)	87
Vegetable oil (Ministry of Food Industry BSSR)	100.9
Soap	
Including:	100.7
Union enterprises of the Ministry of Food Industry	163
Raw alcohol	
Including:	167
Ministry of Food Industry BSSR	

As of 1 April 1951, kolkhozes of the republic had spread 15 percent more manure, 100 percent more peat, and 66 percent more mineral fertilizers on the fields than during the same period of 1950.

Machine-tractor stations of the republic were better equipped for spring agricultural work than in 1950; the number of tractors had increased 61 percent, tractor plows 54 percent, and seeders and cultivators more than 100 percent. As of 1 April 1951, machine-tractor stations showed the following increase in repair work over the same period last year: tractors, 36 percent; tractor plows, 37 percent; seeders, 135 percent; and cultivators, 87 percent.

Agricultural work during the spring season was better organized than in 1950. Due to better equipment of sovkhoses and MTS with complex agricultural machines and better organization of work in kolkhozes, sowing of spring crops was completed in a shorter period than before. Sown areas of spring crops were considerably enlarged in 1951, especially for feed and industrial crops.

As of 1 July 1951, MTS of the republic had completed 40 percent more work than during the same period last year.

As a result of the lowering of state retail prices on food and consumers' goods on 1 March 1951, the purchasing power of the population was raised, and sales of these goods increased considerably. Average daily sales of goods in March 1951 increased as follows over February 1951: meat, 25 percent; animal fats, 23 percent; cotton fabrics, 29 percent; woolen fabrics, 21 percent; garments, 27 percent; and hosiery, 32 percent. Sales of radio receivers, clocks, bicycles, and motorcycles also increased considerably.

The second-quarter plan for retail commodity turnover was fulfilled 97 percent by trading organizations of the Belorussian SSR. Local trading organizations completed 96 percent and consumers' cooperatives 96 percent of the second-quarter plan.

As compared with the second quarter 1950, kolkhoz markets in oblast centers of the Belorussian SSR increased their sales of potatoes, meat, poultry, vegetable oil, lard, milk, eggs, and other farm products in the second quarter 1951.

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