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report on meat packing plants located in the Belorussian cities of Orsha, Minsk, Gomel, Vitebsk, Mogilev, Bobruysk, Polotsk, Slutsk, Grodno, and Baranovichi. The report contains the following plant information: date of operation, amount of meat processed daily, and employment figures.

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1. The meat packing plant in Orsha (N 54-31, E 30-25), which employed about 700 workers, had the capacity to process 800 tons of meat, including 200 tons of sausage and canned meat, a day. Most of its output was exported. The plant had a coal storage plant with a 2,000-ton capacity.
2. The plant in Minsk (N 53-55, E 27-35), which went into partial operation in 1957, employed about 600 workers, and this figure was expected to rise to 1,000 by 1960. In 1957 the factory processed 300 to 350 tons of meat, including 80 tons of sausage and canned meat, and 40 tons of fowl, a day. The

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plant had a cold storage unit with a capacity for 1,200 tons. The plant, most of whose production was exported, had the following sections: canned meat, sausage, meat pies, slaughter house, poultry-fattening, and pens for cattle before slaughter.

3. The meat packing plant in Gomel (N 52-27, E 30-58), which had 250 workers, was a prewar enterprise which had been considerably expanded. In 1957 the plant processed about 20 tons of sausage out of a total of 120 tons of meat a day.
4. The plant in Vitebsk (N 55-12, E 30-13), which had been in operation since 1954, had replaced a smaller and older enterprise. The plant, which had about 300 workers, processed 150 tons of meat, including 25 tons of sausage, a day in 1957.
5. The plant in Mogilev (N 53-55, E 30-21), which had similarly been in operation since 1954, employed 300 to 350 workers. In 1957 it processed 150 tons of meat daily, one-fifth of which was sausage.
6. The meat packing plant in Bobruysk (N 53-11, E 29-14), which had been in operation since 1952 and employed about 150 workers, processed an average of 70 tons of meat a day, including 25 tons of sausage, in 1957.

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7. The plant in Polotsk (N 55-29, E 28-47), which was an old enterprise with 100 workers, produced about 40 tons of meat a day in 1957.
8. The plant in Slutsk (N 53-02, E 27-34), which had been in operation since 1950 and employed about 80 workers, processed about 40 tons of meat a day in 1957.
9. The plant in Grodno (N 53-41, E 23-51) was opened in 1950 and employed about 250 persons.
10. The plant in Brest (N 52-07, E 23-40), a new enterprise employing about 200 workers, processed about 80 tons of meat a day in 1957.
11. The plant in Baranovichi (N 53-05, E 26-02), which had been in operation since 1952 and employed about 300 workers, processed an average of 120 tons of meat a day in 1957. In 1957 its canned poultry section produced an average of 15 to 20 tons daily. Its products were of high quality and principally for the export market.
12. In 1957 the Belorussian meat packing industry, particularly the plants in Minsk, Orsha and Baranovichi, produced a monthly total of 1,200 tons of meat and meat products for export. Seventy percent of the exports were shipped to East Germany, and the remainder to Poland and China.

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13. During 1957 7,000 to 8,000 horses were slaughtered in the Belorussian SSR as part of the policy of reducing the size of herds in kolkhozy. Part of the horsemeat was processed into canned meat and sausage and market^d in the towns, while the raw meat was sold to areas inhabited by Khazaks and Tatars.

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