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DANISH SUPPLY OF GERMANY BY TRUCK

1940-1944

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Nothing was reported for 1940-41 which has not already been noted in the section on motor fuels: conversion from liquid-fuel operation to generator-operation, etc.

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1 February 1943: Large quantities of pork were transported to Germany by truck. The volume of fish shipments has decreased, as long-lasting storms have prevented the Danish fishing fleet from going out. The fuel supply is normal, and the tire supply for border-crossing trucks has been ensured.

27 March 1943: Pork shipments to Germany were at the same level as during the previous month. Most of the shipments were of fish: for example, on 21 March 1943, 1.4 million pfund (1.1 lb) were shipped and on 28 March 1943 2 million pfund are to be shipped.

The returning trucks carry Armed Forces goods and economic goods to Denmark, in order that the shipping space might be fully utilized.

The fuel supply is adequate.

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5 May 1943: During the month of April there were large truck shipments of fish: 756 trucks with a total load of 8,223 tons of fish, 126 trucks with a total load of 1,580 tons of pork, and 10 trucks loaded with poultry, eggs, and other food products were dispatched.

On the return trip from Germany, the trucks are loaded mostly with Armed Forces supplies, which are shipped to Aarhus for transshipment to Norway.

The fuel and tire supply is adequate.

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3 June 1943: Shipments by truck to Germany were stepped up in May, especially the transport of meat and fish.

155 trucks, including 40 special vehicles for the transport of meat, were added to the fleet.

1,128 trucks were dispatched in May: 242 with 2,746 tons of meat and 886 with 11,056 tons of fish. Rather small quantities of eggs, poultry, etc., were included in these shipments. Mostly camouflage paint was brought back from Germany.

The fuel and tire supply was adequate.

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23 February 1944: During January, 71 trucks of 562 tons of fish and 303 trucks with 3,547 tons of meat were dispatched to Germany.

31 March 1944: 245 trucks with 2,291 tons of fish and 320 trucks with 3,717 tons of meat were shipped to Germany during the month of February.

3 May 1944: In March 1944, 240 trucks with 2,247 tons of fish and 368 trucks with 4,101 tons of meat were shipped to Germany. The trucks returned from Germany fully loaded, mostly with Armed Forces supplies.

The fuel situation is satisfactory; the tire supply good.

15 August 1944: During July, 307 trucks with 3,334 tons of fish and 147 trucks with 1,657 tons of meat were dispatched to Germany.

This is somewhat less than in June 1944, and 70% less than in July 1943. The reason for the drop is the smaller allocation of gas and diesel oil for truck transport. For example, only 3,000 cylinders of gas and 40 tons of diesel oil were provided in June 1944. A major portion of the fish and meat transport must be shifted over to railroad refrigerator cars. Unfortunately, the cars are in transit too long, so the meat and fish often are not fit for human consumption when they arrive at the final destination.

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Better fuel supply is needed. The tire supply was good.

15 September 1944: During August, 349 trucks with 3,513 tons of fish and 75 trucks with 824 tons of meat were dispatched to Germany.

The fuel supply was unsatisfactory; the tire supply was good.

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15 October 1944: During September, 235 trucks with 2,262 tons of fish and 170 trucks with 1,711 tons of meat were dispatched to Germany.

The fuel supply was unsatisfactory, and irregular fuel deliveries caused considerable disruption. Some of the shipments originally scheduled for truck transport had to be moved by rail.

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