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ISSUES ORDER ON PLANTING, CROP PURCHASE  
OF ALBANIAN INDUSTRIAL CROPS IN 1950

Government Order No 10 of 24 February 1950, on the planting and crop purchase of industrial crops in 1950, is issued for the purpose of improving the supply of raw materials for Albanian industry, especially for the large textile and sugar combines. The planting of industrial crops in past years has been unsatisfactory. Only small and scattered plantings were made, the peasants did not take proper care of them, the state did not offer sufficient technical assistance, the rate of production decreased, and the working peasants did not take a proper interest in these crops.

Article 1 -- The old system of payment and incentives for the culture of industrial crops is suspended.

Article 2 -- Beginning in 1950, the crop purchase of industrial crops will be effected on the basis of compulsory contracts signed by the Ministry of Industry and the Crop-Purchase Committee with private farms and agricultural cooperatives, expiring by 20 March. Contracts shall be signed with private farms and agricultural cooperatives for the following areas of land to be planted in industrial crops: by the Ministry of Industry, sugar beets 1,350 hectares, tobacco 6,000 hectares, barley 800 hectares; by the Crop-Purchase Committee, sugar beets 15,500 hectares, sunflowers 6,500, castor beans 1,500, peanuts 1,000, sesame 600, flax 1,200, hemp 370 hectares.

The Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for the planting of industrial crops, for all technical services, for insuring good quality, for increasing productivity, for issuing all technical instructions, and for distributing selected seed and artificial fertilizer. The following quantities of seed and fertilizer shall be distributed: cotton seed 7,750 quintals, castor bean seed 180 quintals, sesame seed 80 quintals, barley seed 1,200 quintals, sunflower seed 720, peanut seed 600, sugar-beet seed 410, hemp seed 30, chemical fertilizer 11,250 quintals.

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Seeds of industrial crops and chemical fertilizers shall be distributed by the seed enterprises and paid for upon delivery. Private farmers and agricultural cooperatives that cannot afford to buy seed and chemical fertilizer shall apply to the State Bank for credit, presenting their contracts.

Farmers who received sunflower, peanut, sesame, barley, and hemp seed in the spring are required to return an equal amount of seed of the same quality to the seed enterprises.

A progressive price scale for the crop purchase of industrial crops is established, as follows:

1. Cotton, containing up to 2-percent foreign matter and up to 8-percent moisture:

a. For those whose compulsory delivery quota is 6.8 quintals per hectare, 2,000 lek per quintal will be paid for the first 4 quintals per hectare, 3,000 lek per quintal for amounts over 4 quintals and up to 6.8 quintals, and 4,000 lek per quintal for amounts above 6.8 quintals per hectare.

b. For those whose quota is 5.5 quintals per hectare, 2,000 lek per quintal will be paid for deliveries up to 3 quintals per hectare, 3,000 lek for amounts between 3 and 5.5 quintals per hectare, and 4,000 lek per quintal for amounts above 5.5 quintals per hectare.

2. Sunflower seed, containing up to 2-percent foreign matter and up to 13-percent moisture:

a. For those whose quota is 11 quintals per hectare, 462 lek per quintal for amounts up to 8 quintals, 600 lek per quintal for amounts between 8 and 11 quintals per hectare, and 900 lek per quintal for amounts above 11 quintals per hectare.

b. For those whose quota is 9 quintals per hectare, 462 lek will be paid for amounts up to 5.6 quintals per hectare, 600 lek for amounts between 6 and 9 quintals per hectare, and 900 lek per quintal for amounts above 9 quintals per hectare.

3. Sugar beets, free of leaves and dirt, without foreign matter:

a. For Class I farms, 100 lek per quintal will be paid for amounts up to 120 quintals per hectare, 200 lek per quintal for amounts between 120 and 155 quintals per hectare, and 300 lek per quintal for amounts above 155 quintals per hectare.

b. For Class II farms, 100 lek per quintal will be paid for amounts up to 90 quintals per hectare, 200 lek for amounts between 90 and 120 quintals per hectare, and 300 lek per quintal for amounts above 120 quintals per hectare.

4. Tobacco, tied in bundles weighing 20 to 25 kilograms, all qualities, containing up to 18 percent moisture.

For domestic tobacco, 1,500 to 8,500 lek per quintal will be paid, according to quality; for Macedonian tobacco, 2,250 to 17,000 lek, according to quality and variety.

5. Hemp, 160 to 232 lek per quintal, according to quality.

6. Flax, 200 to 250 lek per quintal, according to quality. (Thirty percent more will be paid for surplus tobacco, hemp, and flax, regardless of quality.)

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7. Castor beans, not shelled, containing up to 5-percent foreign matter and up to 7-percent moisture: 750 lek per quintal, except that 1,000 lek per quintal will be paid for surpluses.

8. Peanuts, containing up to 5-percent foreign matter and up to 11-percent moisture, 1,500 lek per quintal, and 2,000 lek per quintal for surpluses.

9. Sesame seed, containing up to 5-percent foreign matter and up to 10-percent moisture, 810 lek per quintal, and 2,000 lek for surpluses.

10. Barley, containing up to 3-percent foreign matter and up to 10-percent-moisture, 600 lek per quintal, and 800 lek per quintal for surpluses.

11. Flax seed 1,100 lek per quintal, and 1,400 lek per quintal for surpluses.

Corn and manufactured goods will be made available for sale to private farmers and agricultural cooperatives that sign and fulfill contracts for the planting and delivery of industrial crops, as incentives, according to the appended schedule.

For tobacco, castor beans, peanuts, sesame, hemp, flax, and flax seed delivered by producers in excess of their quotas, 30 percent more manufactured goods will be made available as an incentive, at fixed prices.

Private farms and agricultural cooperatives that have fulfilled their quotas for compulsory deliveries may dispose of their surpluses freely, or sell them, at fixed prices plus the incentives listed above, to the enterprises with which they have signed. Tobacco is excepted from these provisions, because of the monopoly in the tobacco trade established by a government order.

Article 3 -- Quotas for compulsory deliveries of industrial crops are established for private farms and agricultural cooperatives on a territorial basis.

Article 4 -- The following deadlines for the planting of industrial crops are established: 5 May for cotton, tobacco, peanuts; 10 April for sunflowers; 30 April for castor beans; 15 May for sesame; 15 April for sugar beets and hemp; 30 March for barley.

Article 5 -- Industrial plants shall be harvested as soon as they are ripe, in accordance with instructions to be given by agricultural technicians.

The following deadlines are established for compulsory deliveries of industrial crops by private farms and agricultural cooperatives: 30 November for cotton, 30 October for sunflowers, 15 November for sugar beets, peanuts, and castor beans, 30 September for flax and sesame, 31 August for barley, and 15 October for hemp.

The tobacco harvest is to be completed by 15 September, and the plants are to be uprooted by 30 September. The crop purchase of tobacco is to be completed by 31 March 1951.

Article 6 -- Private farms and agricultural cooperatives are instructed to plant industrial crops on suitable land, and in conformity with the contracts and with the orders of the agricultural technicians.

Producers are required to cultivate, weed, etc., as specified in the contracts and according to the instructions of the agricultural technicians.

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Article 7 -- Contracting enterprises will assist the producers of cotton, sugar beets, and tobacco with whom they have contracts by advancing them up to 40 percent of the total contracted for. Up to 15 percent may be advanced after the first cultivation and 25 percent after the last cultivation. These incentives will be granted on the basis of certification by the agricultural technicians and crop-purchase authorities that the crops have been planted and cultivated properly.

Article 8 -- Private farms and agricultural cooperatives that do not plant the total area specified in the contract shall contribute 12 quintals of corn to the grain fund for each hectare not planted.

Article 9 -- In case of extraordinary damage to an area, locality, or village by fire, flood, drought, or disease, agricultural technicians shall inspect the area concerned, determine the extent of the damage, and, if advisable, lower the quotas for the damaged area.

Article 10 -- Nonfulfillment of a contract for planting or the compulsory delivery of industrial plants, resulting from malice aforethought, is punishable by 6 months' deprivation of liberty.

Article 13 -- This Order is effective as of the date of its publication in Zeri i Popullit and Bashkimi. Order No 11 of 30 March 1949 and all other contradictory provisions are hereby revoked.

[Appended schedule follows.]

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Corn and Manufactured Goods Per Quintal Handed In

		Industrial Crop										Miscellaneous
Delivery Quota		Corn (kg)	Cotton Goods	Sandals (pr)	Thread (meters)	Oil (liters)	Sugar (kg)	Salt (kg)	Kerosene (liters)	Soap (kg)		
6.8	Cotton	55	12	1	400	--	--	4	2	--	175	
	Up to 4 quintals per ha 4 to 6.8	70	18	1	400	--	--	4	2	--	175	
5.5	Cotton	55	12	1	400	--	--	4	2	--	175	
	Up to 3 quintals per ha 4 to 5.5	70	18	1	400	--	--	4	2	--	175	
	Surplus above quota	109	25	2	800	--	--	10	4	--	300	
155	Sugar beets	3.5	3.5	--	10	--	0.7	0.5	0.1	--	--	
	Up to 120 quintals per ha 120 to 135	6	0.45	--	10	--	0.7	0.5	0.1	--	--	
120	Sugar beets	3.5	0.25	--	10	--	0.7	0.5	0.1	--	--	
	Up to 90 quintals per ha 90 to 120	6	0.45	--	10	--	0.7	0.5	0.1	--	--	
	Surplus above quota	10	0.80	--	20	--	1.5	1	0.2	--	--	
11	Sunflower seed	17	2.5	--	200	2	--	4	2	--	100	
	Up to 8 quintals per ha 8 to 11	28	4	--	300	2	--	4	2	--	100	
9	Sunflower seed	17	2.5	--	200	2	--	4	2	--	100	
	Up to 7 quintals per ha 7 to 9	28	4	--	200	2	--	4	2	--	100	
	Surplus above quota	40	7	--	400	4	8	4	--	--	200	
Domestic and Macedonian tobacco												
	I quality	80	22	4	700	--	6	5	2	2	602	
	II "	70	17	3	600	--	5	4	1.8	1.5	480	
	III "	60	14	3	400	--	4	3	1.5	1.2	360	
	IV "	50	8	1	300	--	3	1	1	1	300	
	V "	40	4	1	200	--	3	1	--	--	120	

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Industrial Crop	Delivery Quota	Corn (kg)	Cotton Goods	Sandals (pr)	Thread (meters)	Oil (liters)	Sugar (kg)	Salt (kg)	Kerosene (liters)	Soap (kg)	Miscellaneous (lek)
Castor beans	8	50	4.5	--	200	--	2	4	1	1	--
Peanuts		50	5	--	200	--	3	4	1	1	--
Sesame		30	5	--	200	--	2	4	1	1	--
Barley		10	2	--	200	--	--	1	0.5	1	100
Hemp I quality	45	4	12	--	10	--	--	0.15	0.1	--	5
"    II		3.5	1.2	--	10	--	--	0.15	0.1	--	5
"    III		3	1.2	--	10	--	--	0.15	0.1	--	5
"    IV		2	1.2	--	10	--	--	0.15	0.1	--	5
Flax I quality	10	12	22	--	40	--	--	1.5	0.15	--	20
"    II		10	12	--	40	--	--	1.5	0.15	--	20
"    III		8	11	--	40	--	--	1.5	0.15	--	20
Flax seed	2	55	12	--	400	--	--	4	2	--	200

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