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INITIAL DELIVERY PLAN FULFILLMENTS,
BEGINS FALL SOWING CAMPAIGN

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In the USSR, jute is grown in Uzbek, Tadzhik, and Kirgiz SSRs. All varieties grown were developed by Soviet selection stations.

In Turkmen SSR, jute was sown for the first time in 1950. By 1952, the area devoted to this crop had increased 6.5 times over 1950 and two times over 1951. In 1953, it will be further increased by 2,000 hectares.(1)

USSR Crop Progress Report Dated 6 August 1952

The harvest is in full swing in the Ukraine, Moldavia, the Northern Caucasus, Don region, Central Asia, and the Transcaucasus; it is developing in the Volga Region and central and eastern regions of the country.

There are serious combine utilization deficiencies in Kievskaya, Odesskaya, and Poltavskaya oblasts of the Ukraine. In Kievskaya Oblast, almost the entire grain area has been reaped, but less than 25 percent by combine. In Poltavskaya Oblast, the plan for combine harvesting has been fulfilled less than 33 percent. In the latter oblast, this year's failure to meet the combining plan is a repetition of last year's poor performance.(2)

USSR Crop Progress Report Dated 8 August 1952

The harvest is moving further and further north. Reaping of winter grain has begun in kolchozes and sovkhoses of Estonia and Latvia, as well as in Sverdlovskaya, Omskaya, Tomskaya, Irkutskaya, and Chitinskaya oblasts, and Krasnoyarskiy, Khabarovskiy, and Primorskyy krays. Selective reaping of rye has begun in Komi-Permyatskiy Natsional'nyy Okrug. The harvest has not yet begun in Kamchatka; there, rye and wheat have only begun to head.

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First threshing results in the Far East testify to a high grain yield. Many kolkhozes of Khorol'skiy, Shkotovskiy and Spasskiy rayons in Primorskiy Kray are receiving an average rye and barley yield of up to 20 quintals per hectare. In Khabarovskiy Kray, leading kolkhozes of Leninskiy and Stalinskiy rayons are threshing 16 - 17 quintals per hectare.

Kolkhozes and sovkhoses are completing reaping of spiked grain crops in the southern portion of the country. Some rayons of the Crimea and Stavropol'skiy Kray have reported completion. The yield plan was considerably exceeded for all grain crops in kolkhozes of Levokumskiy Rayon of Stavropol'skiy Kray; winter wheat on tens of thousands of hectares there averaged 100 pud per hectare.

In Kazakhstan, more than 10,000 combines are engaged in the harvest. In Stalingradskaya Oblast, as throughout the Lower Volga Region, harvesting conditions are difficult. Cool and rainy weather delayed ripening of winter grains. The interval between the beginning of the winter grain and spring grain harvest was shortened considerably with resulting pressure of work. A further difficulty was that some MTS of the oblast had not completed repair of tractors before the harvest began.

In the Urals, sowing of winter crops began simultaneously with reaping of grain crops. Many kolkhozes of Tyumenskaya and Kurganskaya oblasts are sowing winter rye. Sowing is being carried out on well prepared summer fallow.

Preparations for sowing of winter crops are being made in the Ukraine. In Stalinskaya Oblast, the area sown to winter wheat is to be increased by almost 45,000 hectares over 1951. Summer fallow is in excellent condition for sowing.

Cotton growers of Tadzhikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan are preparing for mechanized harvesting of cotton. The number of cotton-harvesting machines in MTS of Turkmen SSR is twice as great as in 1951.

In Sumskaya Oblast, Ukrainian SSR, kolkhozes are harvesting hemp. It is planned to harvest more than 50 percent of the crop with tractor-drawn hemp binders.

Harvesting is in progress in almost all flax-growing regions. In Armenia and Azerbaydzhan, as well as in Zakarpatskaya Oblast in the Ukraine, early grapes are being picked. (3)

USSR Crop Progress Report Dated 15 August 1952

In Stavropol'skiy Kray, 12 rayons have fulfilled the plan for grain delivery. Kolkhozes of many rayons in Dagestanskaya ASSR have also fulfilled the plan. Although the harvest began only recently in Primorskiy Kray, grain procurement is in full swing, and kolkhozes of the kray are striving to fulfill the delivery plan in August.

The sowing campaign is expanding every day. Rye and wheat are being sown in the central regions of the country, Kazakhstan, and the Ukraine. Kolkhozes are considerably expanding the area sown to winter crops. In Kazakhstan, it will increase almost 50,000 hectares over 1951. Kolkhozes of Kostromskaya Oblast will almost double the area sown to winter wheat. In the Ukraine, winter wheat will be sown on about one million more hectares than in 1951.

Sowing is being carried out on a high agrotechnical level. In the Ukraine, 12 million more tons of local fertilizers have been hauled on the fields than as of this time in 1951. Many kolkhozes of the republic grew lupine on their summer fallowed fields and are now plowing it under to fertilize the soil. In Kurskaya Oblast, 75 percent of winter crop sowing is being carried out on well-prepared clean summer fallow and high-yielding varieties of seed are being widely used.

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Harvesting of oil-bearing crops is in progress in many regions. Mustard is being harvested in Astrakhanskaya, Stalingradskaya, and Rostovskaya oblasts and seed flax in Uzbek and Tadzhik SSRs. Seed flax is setting seed in the Kuban' and Moldavia; it is in full flower in most areas of the Volga Region, Northern Caucasus, and central chernozem zone.(4)

Estonian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plans for hay mowing and ensilage storage in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 10 August (5):

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Natural Grasses Mowed</u>	<u>Sown Grasses Mowed</u>	<u>Ensilage Stored</u>
Tartuskaya	86	92	59
Tallinskaya	85	88	55
Pyarnuskaya	78	92	50

Latvian SSR

The harvest is developing slowly in the republic as a whole. As of 10 August, a total of 13,600 hectares had been reaped.(6)

Animal husbandry is a leading branch of agriculture in Rizhskaya Oblast. More than 45 percent of the total number of head of cattle and sheep in the republic are concentrated in the oblast.(7)

Belorussian SSR

Kolkhozes of the following oblasts have fulfilled the plan for delivery of hay to the state: Polotskaya and Grodnenskaya, on 30 July (8); Baranovichskaya and Brestskaya on 5 August; Molodechnenskaya, on 4 August (9); and Minskaya, on 8 August. Delivery of hay in Minskaya Oblast is continuing (10).

Many kolkhozes of the republic are threshing and drying grain in an organized manner and are successfully fulfilling the plan for deliveries to the state.(11).

The following table show percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plans for harvesting of grain crops, hay mowing, and ensilage storage in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 10 August (12):

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>All Grain Crops Reaped</u>	<u>Winter Grain Crops Reaped</u>	<u>Grain Crops Threshed</u>	<u>Flax Pulled</u>	<u>Natural Sown Grasses Mowed</u>	<u>Crasses Mowed</u>	<u>Ensilage Stored</u>
Baranovichskaya	49.9	92.1	7.3	35.1	97.1	68.1	47.4
Bobruyskaya	28.7	83.2	15.6	25.7	75.2	84.1	40.6
Brestskaya	57.4	100.0	25.0	12.8	98.8	63.0	41.9
Gomel'skaya	38.1	82.1	35.5	14.6	79.6	47.2	46.7
Grodnenskaya	50.9	100.0	10.6	13.1	104.4	42.8	40.6
Minskaya	12.4	31.6	6.7	9.1	93.2	47.9	38.9

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<u>Oblast</u>	<u>All Grain Crops Reaped</u>	<u>Winter Grain Crops Reaped</u>	<u>Grain Crops Threshed</u>	<u>Flax Pulled</u>	<u>Natural Grasses Mowed</u>	<u>Sown Grasses Mowed</u>	<u>Ensilage Stored</u>
Mogilevskaya	18.8	45.7	13.2	11.3	93.1	79.1	44.9
Molodechnenskaya	23.6	52.0	2.3	0.7	93.7	56.7	31.0
Pinskaya	61.5	100.0	17.3	35.1	88.7	78.8	115.2
Poleskaya	51.2	100.0	30.5	24.4	66.4	111.1	37.2
Polotskaya	9.5	23.5	1.4	2.9	86.3	55.5	86.4
Vitebskaya	7.0	18.6	8.0	12.2	76.9	64.2	76.4

In 1951, MTS of the republic fulfilled the plan for shallow plowing of stubble 27.1 percent, preparation of winter fallow 60.2 percent, and preparation of black summer fallow 14.5 percent. (13)

Ukrainian SSR

By 5 August, more than 50 percent of the spiked grain crops in the Ukraine had been reaped. Many rayons in the southern portion of the republic reaped their winter and early spring grains in 15 - 18 days.

The plan for delivery of grain to the state has been fulfilled by 50 rayons of the republic; these have also provided themselves with winter and spring grain seed. Kolkhozes of Izmail'skaya, Stalinskaya, Khersonskaya, Zaporozhskaya, Nikolayevskaya, and Zakarpatskaya oblasts are making progress in meeting the delivery plan. In many rayons, the procurement points are receiving principally wheat, so that wheat makes up a high proportion of all grain received. (14)

Fall sowing has begun in the Ukraine. The area to be sown to winter wheat in the republic is to increase by almost one million hectares. Sowing of winter crops is proceeding at a higher agrotechnical level than in 1951. (5)

Moldavian SSR

Sovkhozes of the Ministry of Food Industry Moldavian SSR have fulfilled the plan for delivery of grain to the state (not including maize) 101.1 percent. Delivery of grain in excess of plan is continuing. (15)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plans for grain harvesting and plowing for winter crops in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 10 August (16):

<u>Okrug</u>	<u>Spiked Grain Crops Reaped</u>	<u>Spiked Grain Crops Reaped by Combine</u>	<u>Crops from Reaped Area Threshed</u>	<u>Straw Stacked</u>	<u>Plowing for Winter Crops</u>
Bel'tskiy	97.8	81.2	33.0	84.5	28.5
Kagul'skiy	98.0	92.7	38.5	85.6	29.1
Kishinevskiy	98.8	82.8	49.7	84.7	27.2
Tiraspol'skiy	98.8	89.0	33.9	74.2	37.2

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The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plans for mowing of grasses and ensilage crops in kolkhozes and for tractor work by MTS of the republic, as of 10 August (17):

<u>Okrug</u>	<u>Sown Grasses Mowed</u>	<u>Natural Grasses Mowed</u>	<u>Ensilage Crops Mowed</u>	<u>Tractor Work</u>	<u>Worked per 15-hp Tractor (ha)</u>
Bel'tskiy	46.0	68.6	24.3	49.9	214.4
Kagul'skiy	73.3	90.7	48.8	56.0	256.0
Kishinevskiy	48.4	83.5	39.3	47.4	181.6
Tiraspol'skiy	67.6	81.3	40.0	56.0	259.3

Georgian SSR

The Ministry of Agriculture Georgian SSR reports that, as of 1 August, 189,006 hectares of grain had been reaped in the republic, including 132,940 hectares by combine. Kolkhozes of Tbilisi Oblast had reaped 178,743 hectares.

Mowing of natural grasses is continuing. As of 1 August, they had been mowed on 75 percent of the area planned. The plan for hay mowing had been met 89.9 percent in Tbilisi Oblast and 81.1 percent in Yugo-Osetskaya Avtonomnaya Oblast.

As of the same date, tobacco-growing kolkhozes of the republic had cut and strung 13,844,755 string-meters (shnurometry) of tobacco, including 8,665,300 in Abkhazskaya ASSR, 4,540,107 in Tbilisi Oblast, and 659,348 in Adzharskaya ASSR. (18)

The Ministry of Agriculture Georgian SSR reports that, as of 5 August, 241,260 hectares of grain had been reaped in the republic, including 158,120 hectares by combine. Kolkhozes of Tbilisskaya Oblast had reaped 223,581 hectares of spiked grain crops, including 154,311 hectares by combine.

Mowing of natural grasses is continuing. Kolkhozes of Tbilisskaya Oblast have considerably exceeded the plan for hay mowing.

As of 5 August, tobacco-growing kolkhozes of the republic had cut and strung 19,566,729 string-meters of tobacco, including 11,915,400 in Abkhazskaya ASSR, 6,780,119 in Tbilisskaya Oblast, and 871,210 in Adzharskaya ASSR. (19)

As of 1 August, kolkhozes of Kutaiskaya Oblast had fulfilled the 1952 plan for wool delivery to the state 107 percent. Deliveries are continuing.

In 1951, MTS of the republic fulfilled the plan for tractor work as a whole 101.1 percent; but out of 19 basic types of work included in the plan as a whole, they failed to fulfill the individual plans for 12 types. Of 80 MTS, 44 did not fulfill the plan for sowing of spring crops, 45 that for preparation of winter fallow, and 61 that for interrow cultivation of row crops. (20)

Armenian SSR

It has been proven in practice that when sheep are shorn in fall, the gross wool clip is increased by more than 40 percent. This is due to the fact that as sheep graze on alpine pastures during the summer and consume succulent and vitamin-rich grasses, their wool growth is much more intense than when they are on fodder during the winter. (21)

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Fall shearing of sheep has begun in the republic. This fall, all sheep and lambs will be shorn with electric clippers. For the start of fall shearing, MTS of the republic received 38 new sets of shearing equipment; another 32 are expected in a few days. Then, the number of machines for electric shearing will be almost 50 percent greater than it was in spring 1952.(22)

Azerbaijdzhan SSR

By 8 August, sovkhoses of the Ministry of State Farms Azerbaijdzhan SSR had fulfilled the plan for grain deliveries to the state 101 percent.(23)

As of 5 August, Nakh'chevanskaya ASSR had fulfilled the plan for delivery of grain to the state 104.3 percent, including wheat 108.4 percent. As of this date, 140,659 more pud of grain had been delivered than as of the same date 1951. Kolkhozes are completing their seed funds for the 1953 harvest. Delivery of grain to the state for MTS services is continuing.

In 1952, only 17 out of 43 MTS of the Ministry of Agriculture and only 8 out of 50 MTS of the Ministry of Cotton Growing fulfilled the plan for preparation of summer fallow.(24)

RSFSR

In the spring of 1952, 14,000 hectares of fruit orchards were established, 1,500 hectares were planted to berries, and more than 3,000 hectares of vineyards planted in kolkhozes of the RSFSR.(25)

In Altayskiy Kray, the days are warm and sunny. Grain is ripening rapidly. In some kolkhozes, reaping of winter rye and barley has begun.(26)

Kazakh SSR

About 12,000 combines are working on the fields of the republic; they will harvest more than 90 percent of the grain crop. Kolkhozes of 14 rayons have fulfilled the plan for delivery of grain to the state.(27)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plans for hay mowing and ensilage storage in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 10 August.(28)

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Kolkhozes</u>			<u>Sovkhoses</u>		
	<u>Area Mowed</u>	<u>Hay Procured</u>	<u>Ensilage Stored</u>	<u>Area Mowed</u>	<u>Hay Procured</u>	<u>Ensilage Stored</u>
Akmolinskaya	80.0	20.5	39.3	64.0	26.7	21.6
Aktyubinskaya	69.9	37.3	33.0	47.5	19.0	11.0
Alma-Atinskaya	72.4	53.2	79.6	50.3	37.9	76.8
Dzhambul'skaya	106.9	60.8	76.1	79.4	77.4	62.8
Gur'yevskaya	49.4	36.9	10.0	--	--	--
Karagandinskaya	74.5	38.3	44.6	65.4	35.7	26.3
Kokchetavskaya	88.8	32.3	41.5	76.8	34.4	14.1
Kustanayskaya	72.1	35.7	30.6	60.2	26.4	13.5

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<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Kolkhozes</u>			<u>Sovkhozes</u>		
	<u>Area Mowed</u>	<u>Hay Procured</u>	<u>Ensilage Stored</u>	<u>Area Mowed</u>	<u>Hay Procured</u>	<u>Ensilage Stored</u>
Kzyl-Ordinskaya	55.1	41.5	47.3	38.1	17.4	43.2
Pavlodarskaya	86.1	25.1	39.7	70.4	28.3	17.3
Semipalatsinskaya	69.5	32.1	62.0	51.7	37.6	40.1
Severo-Kazakhstanskaya	83.2	40.2	17.5	93.0	41.5	37.2
Taldy-Kurganskaya	69.4	43.2	86.0	45.9	47.4	55.2
Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya	68.5	31.9	84.0	--	--	--
Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya	77.3	58.8	41.6	72.5	109.0	115.9
Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya	60.9	22.2	22.6	--	--	--

Kolkhozes of the republic as a whole not only failed to meet the Three-Year Livestock Development Plan (1949 - 1951) but even reduced the number of sheep in 1951 by 1.5 percent. (29)

Kirgiz SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plan for fodder procurement in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 10 August (30):

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Natural Grasses Mowed</u>	<u>Alfalfa Mowed (second cutting)</u>	<u>Ensilage Stored</u>	<u>Coarse Fodder Stored</u>
Dzhalal-Abadskaya	85.6	29.7	80.1	39.3
Frunzenskaya	89.2	29.2	42.4	26.1
Issyk-Kul'skaya	20.7	--	78.1	16.7
Oshskaya	83.2	33.5	91.8	35.2
Talasskaya	72.0	21.9	71.4	26.2
Tyan'-Shan'skaya	40.5	--	82.5	20.3

K. Dikambayev, secretary of Frunzenskaya Oblast Committee KP(b), writes that kolkhozes, sovkhozes, and MTS of the oblast have fulfilled the 1952 plan for delivery of grain to the state ahead of schedule and 75 days earlier than in 1951. In 1952, kolkhozes and sovkhozes of the oblast delivered considerably more grain than in 1951. (31)

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