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1. Only government-operated restaurants are to be found in Braila. The cost of the best meal is 18 lei and consists of soup, hors d'oeuvre, roast pork, bread, and a quarter-bottle of vermouth. Other meals drop as low as 2.80 lei and consist of a beef broth and bread. 25X1
2. The following are the rationed and free market prices of food products:

Black bread	2 lei
White bread	2.50 lei
Rice	9 lei (free market)
Sugar (per kilo)	9.50 lei (free market)
Meat	3.80 lei - 10 lei (free market)
Pork (with ration ticket)	5 lei - 16 lei (free market)
Wine (per litre)	5 lei (free market)
Vodka (per litre)	10-12 lei
3. The market in Braila was sufficiently stocked in beef, pork, bacon and lard. To take care of the requirements of the local population there is no need to stand in line for these items.
4. The cost of a man's suit of medium quality is 1,000 to 1,200 lei. A medium grade pair of shoes is 2,000 lei and a cheap watch is 800 lei.

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