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The following report consists of miscellaneous items concerning DDR foreign trade.

1. The relative clearing values of various currencies as employed in the DDR Ministry of Foreign Trade are as follows:

One dollar (US)	equals four rubles
One ruble	equals 1.3 DM (East)
One dollar (US)	equals 3.3 DM (East)
One DM (East)	equals 0.83 rubles

2. The clearing values of exports from the DDR for 1951 according to trade agreements between the DDR and Poland and Czechoslovakia are 400,000,000 rubles and 210,000,000 rubles respectively.

3. The DDR proposes to export in 1951:

360 DM motor vehicles
60 wooden cutters
20 wooden luggers

4. During each year of the current Five Year Plan, the DDR plans to export food, not including raw agricultural products, to all countries to the clearing value of 80,000,000 rubles. This amount may be compared with the yearly exports of 300,000 cu. m. of pit props, valued at about 14,000,000 rubles. The total yearly production of pit props in the DDR amounts to 1,220,000 cu.m. It is to be raised in 1955 to 1,400,000 cu. m.

5. The total planned exports of wood and wood articles from the DDR to all countries for 1951 will amount to 60,232,000 rubles. This amount includes processed wood worth 49,102,000 rubles.

6. Selected exports from the DDR during 1951 are as follows:

Sugar candy	500 tons (to the USSR)
Potato starch	5,000 tons
Dextrin	500 tons (to the USSR)
Malt	10,000 tons ("A"-commodity, for western countries)
Summer rye seed	35 tons " " " "

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Summer wheat seed	100 tons	("A"-commodity, for western countries)
Summer barley	130 tons	" " " "
Winter rye seed	500 tons	" " " "
Winter wheat seed	1,500 tons	" " " "
Potatoes	100,000 tons	" " " "

7. The total planned exports of sugar to all countries from the DDR for the current Five Year Plan are as follows:

1951: 170,000 tons	1953: 290,000 tons
1952: 220,000 "	1954: 300,000 "
	1955: 320,000 "

8. The 1951 exports of sugar are to be divided as follows:

USSR:	50,000 tons
West-Germany:	40,000 "
Other western countries:	80,000 "

9. The total planned exports of first quality alcohol from the DDR to all countries for the current Five Year Plan are as follows:

1951: 12,000 tons	1954: 21,500 tons
1952: 16,000 "	1955: 24,000 "
1953: 19,000 "	

The above quantities are being reserved for western countries exclusively, in order to obtain hard currency. Alcohol is rated as a so-called "A"-commodity, or hard currency medium.

10. The money values (in thousands of dollars) of agricultural exports from the DDR (including sheep, horses, grain, etc.), during the Five Year Plan, are as follows:

1951: 24,400	1954: 44,400
1952: 32,800	1955: 46,800
1953: 42,400	

11. At the end of April 1951, the Foreign Trade Ministry received instructions to hold in reserve the following items for an important compensation deal:

butyl acetate	2,500 tons
butanol	1,900 "

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* [REDACTED] Comment: It is not stated whether these are planned exports or whether they had already been carried out as of late April 1951.

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