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The following is a list of commodity, service, and food prices for Ch'ongjin and outlying towns which were in effect [redacted] Prices of items listed under "Farm animals," "Miscellaneous services," "Miscellaneous items, group I," and "Restaurant rates" were black market prices, that is, uncontrolled. Some of the black market prices quoted are the same as consumers union prices for the same period, since the consumers union was controlled by the government in name only. Key letters directly following the name of the item indicate the place of origin or manufacture, as follows: C, Czechoslovakia; M, Manchuria; S, USSR; [redacted] U, unknown. Where no key letters follow the name of the item, the place of origin or manufacture is North Korea.

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a. Farm animals.

Item	Quantity ¹	Price ² in Outlying Towns	Price ² in Ch'ongjin
Cow for ploughing (large)	1	27,000	Unknown
Cow for ploughing (small)	1	22,000	Unknown
Horse	1	35,000	Unknown
Pig (full grown)	1	20,000	Unknown
Pig (shoat)	1	5,000	Unknown
Dog	1	3,000	Unknown
Rabbit	1	700	Unknown
Donkey	1	28,000	Unknown

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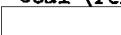
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<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price in Out-lying Towns</u>	<u>Price in Ch'ongjin</u>	
Chick	1	250	Unknown	
b. Miscellaneous services.				
Haircut (private barber)		50	50	
Haircut (consumers union)		50	20	
Bath		Unknown	45	
Hotel (one night, two meals)		450	450	
Tailoring (man's suit)		1,500	Unknown	
c. Miscellaneous items, group I.				
Penicillin 	300,000-unit bottle	2,300	2,300	50X1-HUM
Diazine ³ 	5-grain tablet	100	100	
Quinine (for injection) (U)	2-cc bottle	50	50	
Herb drug (for colds)	1 packet	150	Unknown	
Fertilizer (ammoniated)	40 kilograms	11,360	Unknown	
Hand cart	1	4,500	Unknown	
Horse cart	1	7,000	Unknown	
Ox cart	1	16,000	Unknown	
d. Restaurant prices.				
White rice meal	1 serving	200	200	
Iced noodles ⁴	1 serving	100	100	
Warm noodles	1 serving	100	100	
Chile con carne	1 serving	200	200	
e. Fuel.				
Firewood	13 sticks	50	50	
Pine boughs	1 bundle	100	100	
Petroleum (S)	.4765 gallon	3,000	Unknown	
Coal (remainder of  production)	1 large mal	200	200	50X1-HUM

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price in Out-lying Towns</u>	<u>Price in Ch'ongjin</u>	
f. Clothing and fabrics.				
Woolen undershirt (M)	1	1,500 ⁵	1,500 ⁵	
Woolen underpants (M)	1 pair	10,000 ⁵	10,000 ⁵	
Singlet (undershirt or vest)	1	3,500	3,500	
Underpants	1 pair	1,500	1,500	
Men's spring suit (first quality)	1	25,000	25,000	50X1-HUM
Men's spring suit	1	15,000	15,000	
Men's spring suit (third quality)	1	10,000	10,000	
Overcoat (first quality)	1	15,000	12,000	50X1-HUM
Overcoat (second quality)	1	10,000	6,000	
Men's shirt (first quality)	1	5,000	4,000	
Men's shirt (second quality)	1	2,500	2,500	
Korean shoes (men's)	1 pair	2,000	1,700	
Korean shoes (women's)	1 pair	1,000	1,500	
Leather shoes (C)	1 pair	4,500	4,500	
Straw hat	1	120	120	
Stockings (M)	1 pair	500	500	
White sheeting (M)	1 yard	1,300	1,300	
Hand-woven cotton cloth	1 yard	500	500	
g. Sewing and knitting materials.				
Cotton thread (M)	18 yards	10	10	
Silk thread (M)	18 yards	40	40	
Machine thread (M)	44 yards	300	250	
Cotton yarn (M)	3.75 kilograms	7,000	7,000	
Wool yarn (U)	1 pound	700	500	
Sewing machine needle	1	500	500	50X1-HUM
Common needle (M)	1	15	15	

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price in Out-lying Towns</u>	<u>Price in Ch'ongjin</u>
h. Miscellaneous items, group II.			
Matches (M)	1 small box	45	45
Matches	1 small box	15	15
Cigarettes (M)	20	250	250
Laundry soap	1 bar	220	220
Toilet soap (M)	1 bar	150	150
Towel (M)	1	700	700
Tooth brush (M)	1	450	450
Tooth paste (M)	1 tube	500	500
Face cream (M)	1 jar	500	500
Face powder (M)	1 box	300	300
Pencil (M)	1	60	60
Notebook (M)	1	50	45
Ink slate (M)	1	30	30
Light bulb <input type="checkbox"/>	1	2,500	2,500
i. Kitchen equipment.			
Cooking pot (iron, large)	1	Unknown	3,000
Cooking pot (iron, medium)	1	Unknown	1,500
Cooking pot (iron, small)	1	Unknown	800
Aluminum pot (first quality)	1	Unknown	700
Aluminum pot (second quality)	1	Unknown	400
Tea kettle	1	Unknown	500
Bowl (chinaware)	1	35	35
Bowl (small)	1	25	25
Cup	1	30	30
Plate	1	Unknown	30
Earthenware jar (first quality)	1	Unknown	700

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price in Out-lying Towns</u>	<u>Price in Ch'ongjin</u>
Earthenware jar (second quality)	1	Unknown	100
Earthenware pot	1	Unknown	35.30
Iron rice ladle	1	500	Unknown
Brass spoon (first quality)	1	250	Unknown
Brass spoon (second quality)	1	150	Unknown
Brass chopsticks (first quality)	1 pair	70	Unknown
Brass chopsticks (second quality)	1 pair	40	Unknown
Kitchen knife	1	80	Unknown
Table (first quality)	1	Unknown	800
Table (second quality)	1	Unknown	500
j. Food.			
Rice	1 small mal	2,750	2,900
Wheat (M)	1 small mal	2,100	2,000
Millet (M)	1 small mal	2,400	2,400
Red beans (M)	1 small mal	2,400	2,400
Green beans (M)	1 small mal	2,600	2,700
Soy beans (M)	1 small mal	1,000	1,400
Maize (M)	1 small mal	2,000	2,000
Sorghum (M)	1 small mal	1,800	1,800
Flour (S)	1 small mal	2,600	2,300
Potatoes (S)	1 small mal	500	700
Korean cabbage	10 heads	15	Unknown
Cabbage	8.3 pounds	250	Unknown
Turnips	4	20	Unknown
Green onions	7	15	Unknown
Bean sprouts	3 hop	20	Unknown

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price in Out-lying Towns</u>	<u>Price in Ch'ongjin</u>
Garlic	1 head	50	Unknown
Mushrooms	12	100	Unknown
Bean curd	1 pound	40	Unknown
Soy sauce	.4765 gallon	65	Unknown
Bean sauce	1 kilogram	45	Unknown
Chili sauce	3 hop	150	Unknown
Chile powder	.1 hop	50	Unknown
Bean oil	.4765 gallon	1,300	1,300
Wine	.4765 gallon	1,700	1,700
Eggs	1	25	30
Beef	1 catty	100	150
Pork	1 catty	120	150
Chicken	1	1,000	1,000
Sugar (S)	1 kilogram	1,200	1,200
Cookies	1	5	5
Candy	1 piece	5	5
Mackerel	1	45	45
Herring	1	40	40
Cod	1	200	200
Pollack	1	25	25
Anchovies	10 ounces	100	130
Cuttle fish	20	400	500
Seaweed	1 bundle	40	50
Dried laver (sea plant)	100 sheets	100	140

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1.  Comment. The western equivalents of Korean measurements used are as follows: small mal, 1/4 of a bushel or a little under 15 pounds; large mal, 1/2 bushel or a little under 30 pounds; hop, .3 pint or .18 liter. A catty equals 1.1023 pounds.
2.  Comment. Prices are expressed in North Korean won.
3.  Comment. Sulfadiazine was probably intended. 50X1-HUM
4.  Comment. Iced noodles are cooked noodles served in a dish with ice.
5.  Comment. The large difference in price between these two undergarments is probably an error.

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