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MEAT SITUATION IN SILESIA

The state slaughterhouse in BYTOM, which is the main center for meat distribution in Silesia, draws its supplies also from several other butcheries, for example from KONIGS-HUTTE. But while previously in the latter 600 to 1,000 pigs were slaughtered daily, now only 200 to 300 heads are killed.

At the cold-storage building opposite the slaughterhouse the best qualities of meat are delivered. A small part of it is used for Army and Military purposes, the larger part is sent to an unknown destination.

Private individual butchers receive only allocated poor quality meat for sausages, all ordinary meat is sold at the cooperative.

The allocated quantities are very low. A butcher who previously killed per week 10 to 16 pigs, two to three head of cattle and four to five calves, had an allocation of some 300 to 350 kg weekly only for sausage making.

Prices are controlled. There is an acute shortage of meat everywhere in Silesia. The buying on the blackmarket is extremely risky and is only possible from the employees of the cooperatives.

Prices of meat:

Pork	13.20 Zloty
Lard	12.50 Zloty
Beef	6.00 Zloty
Same with- out bones	9.00 Zloty

Prices paid for 1 kg of meat on the hoof:

Pigs	7.00 Zloty
Cattle	3.00 Zloty
Cattle class A	3.60 Zloty

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The source is a butcher by profession, who recently worked in Silesia.