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Crop Distribution At KOZARE Kolkhoz

SOURCE ISTANBUL: A Bulgarian escapee from KOZARE, district KARNOBAT, a graduate of an agricultural institute.
DATE OF OBSERVATION: 1952.

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Below is given the exact calculation of how the 1951 wheat crop at the kolkhoz of KOZARE, district KARNOBAT, was distributed. The total wheat crop had been 440 tons. The crop was divided among 85 collective farm members.

In 1951, only 2,200 decares out of the kolkhoz' 6,400 decares produced wheat, the rest was producing rye, oat and corn. The governmental "nared" per decare of wheat-land was 48 kilos, so that 105,600 kilos of wheat was delivered to the state.

As the KOZARE kolkhoz has no harvesting machines or tractors, these were brought from the KARNOBAT MTS (motor tractor station.) For its services the MTS administration took 10 per cent of the total wheat crop, that is 44,000 kilos. A further 44,000 kilos was set aside as seed for 1952. Subtracting these three amounts from the total of 440,000, the kolkhoz was left with 246,400 kilos of wheat.

Some 10 per cent of the remaining amount was set aside as contribution to the kolkhoz fund, bringing the total deduction to 218,220 kilos. It will be seen from the above calculation that nearly 50 per cent of the total crop was taken in the form of one tax or another.

The kolkhoz was left with only 221,780 kilos, which had to be distributed over a period of 60,000 workdays, which formed the total of workdays performed at the kolkhoz. The amount of wheat for every workday was 3.7 kilos. However, kolkhoz members received their wheat at the rate of three kilos per workday. The remaining 41,780 kilos was considered over-norm production, and only 15 per cent of this amount was handed out to the kolkhoz members, although legally they were entitled to the whole amount.

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