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RUMANIASTANDARD OF LIVING

Sugar	200	Lei per kilo
Honey	360	Lei per kilo
Lard	320	Lei per kilo
Edible Oil	300	Lei per kilo
Cheese	280 to 340	Lei per kilo
Eggs	15 to 16	Lei each
Meat	75	Lei per kilo (exclusively on coupons)
Lamb meat	135	Lei per kilo
Fish	96 to 270	Lei per kilo
Bread	120	Lei per kilo
Wine	180 to 240	Lei per litre
Brandy	300	Lei per litre
Onions	40 to 60	Lei per kilo
Potatoes	50 to 50	Lei per kilo
Cherries	80 to 100	Lei per kilo
Rice	200	Lei per kilo
Maccaronies	160	Lei per kilo
Jam	140	Lei per kilo
Pastry	40 to 80	Lei each
Soap	200	Lei per kilo (inferior black quality)

The above items are hardly obtainable in local shops. Usually after having queued up for several hours one might get some onions, beans, radishes or potatoes.

Although GALATI is on the Danube river, which in that part teems with fish, fish is not available on the local market; only from time to time some 200 or 300 kilos are sold. The workers of the "Greerul" Tinned Fish Factory (formerly "Peleanu") buy fish heads and other refuse to make soup.

Prices of other articles:

Cloth	4,000 to 5,000	Lei per meter
Linen, normal	400 to 700	Lei per meter
Linen fine	1,500	Lei per meter
Shoes on coupons	1,800	Lei a pair
Shoes without coupons	8,000	Lei a pair

Salaries and Wages

Unskilled workers	4,000 to 7,000	Lei per month
Skilled workers and teachers	8,000 to 9,000	Lei per month

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Directors	20,000 Lei per month
Accountants	12,000 to 18,000 Lei per month
Clerks	6,000 to 7,000 Lei per month

Prizes for increased production reach 500 to 600 Lei a month, but they are not granted regularly.

All fit persons have to contribute one to three hours of "voluntary" work per day.

The usual menu of a family consists of a vegetable soup and some corn meal to stretch the bread ration.

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