

done now because of the shortage of vegetable storehouses. More than 20% of the potatoes is lost in the overfilled and obsolete storehouses - just about that much is lacking to provide a year-round uninterrupted supply."

In the city, the construction of the first real market is being completed. Just last year some people joked: well, go ahead and build it, but there will be nothing to sell and nobody to sell it to. Time has changed the situation: co-op and individual trade has appeared and Workers' Supply Departments now have more independence. This has meant a drastic improvement in meeting northerners' needs. It may seem to some that the assortment of produce mentioned here is pretty poor. But that depends on what you compare it with. The townspeople know very well that compared with recent times, the selection of fruits and vegetables now appearing on the counters is quite decent.

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