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What you get when the pastry chef starts making shoes is obvious to anyone. The plans drawn up by oil industry personnel for food industry workers are, of course, not distinguished by their quality. What's more, plans borrowed from more central regions of Russia are often simply 'hitched on' to the Siberian situation in a mechanical fashion, without any regard for local conditions. But those paying are happy even for borrowed plans - there have been cases where food enterprises were planned without any documentation at all.

"As early as 1981," recounts R. Katsen, director of the "Obnftgazstroi" Trust, "in response to strong pressure from local authorities, and