

"From a report of the supply department of the BAR construction administration:

Fruit and vegetable preparations for children. The order for 1987 specified 1,700 conventional tubes. Funds were assigned for 610 tubes, 200 tubes were received.

Potatoes. Requirements - 17,000 tonnes, funds assigned for 8,250 tonnes, received 8,403 tonnes. Due to insufficient storage capacity only 6,000 tonnes of vegetables were stocked for the winter.

Other vegetables. Requirements - 12,000 tonnes, received 1,600 tonnes.

(Statistics of December 15th)

"And there is another problem: the water and soil here are poor in trace elements, for instance in fluorine. As a result tooth decay is rampant. People need fluorine-containing tablets but the funds set aside for this purpose are scanty. The stores should carry tooth paste containing this element but in fact they do not even have the simple hygienic variety.

From a letter to the editor: "We are writing you to ask for help. For some time, the dairy kitchen in Tynda has been serving powdered milk instead of natural milk, with the result that most children are suffering from diathesis. Meanwhile, we read in the newspaper that the dairy farms in our district are overfulfilling the milk-delivery quotas to the state. Where is that milk? Moreover, our stores do not have any preserved foods produced especially for children during the first year of their lives.