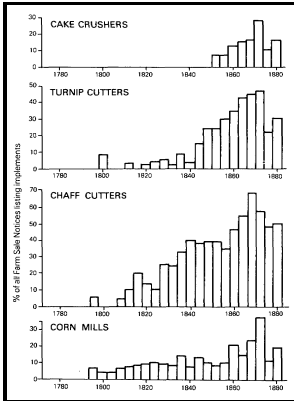


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### Agricultural unionism in the South West

From the 1840s a combination of agricultural science and improved sea transport brought the farmer new alternatives in soil treatment. In Shropshire over 20 per cent of early 19th-century farm sales, where implements were listed, included a fan in their inventory Fig. Dates are sometimes hard to establish: all that is known of the end of Presthope common in the same parish, 14 a.

### Agriculture 1793

Much the same sort of thing had been happening on the Longleat estate, and towards the end of the sixties the Marquess of Bath became concerned lest his outlay on the estate was not producing an adequate return. NOTES AND REFERENCES Joyce Marlow, *The Tolpuddle Martyrs*, London, 1971; Malcolm Chase, *Early Trade Unionism: Fraternity, Skill and the Politics of Labour*, Aldershot, 2000, pp. The usual incentive was piece-work and unlimited drink.

### Agriculture since 1870

In 1820, for example, James Loch cited examples of irrigation streams being used to drive threshing machines at Lilleshall Grange and Honnington Grange on the LevesonGower estates. After 1832 the Clives continued to use corruption to control Ludlow and the Foresters kept up their political interest at Wenlock.

### Domesday Book: 1750

The terms also demonstrate why Scottish farmers were so disliked by local farmers, for the terms are exceptionally generous. While very small units were largely removed from many areas by enclosure and in later nineteenth-century depopulation, small acreage typified intensive cash-crop production in the Fens and south-west Lancashire, and in vegetable, fruit and market gardening production.

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Nor was this achieved at the expense of any drastic economies in the upkeep of the estate, for the £6,670 a year spent on repairs and £828 on improvements in 1894—5 represented physical works not markedly smaller than the £7,954 and £1,135 annual averages under these heads in 1874—8. Horse-powered The Swing Riots were a widespread uprising in 1830 by agricultural workers in southern and eastern England, in protest at agricultural mechanisation and harsh working conditions. They spread swiftly among the farming community, threatening the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of farmworkers.

### **Life of an agricultural labourer**

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