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**Economic History of Later Medieval and Early Modern Europe, 1250 - 1750**

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**Topic No. 4 [6]: Money and Economic *Conjuncture* in Late-Medieval Europe: Monetary and Price Changes (Inflation and Deflation), and Economic Crises during the 14th and 15th Centuries**

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## QUESTIONS ON MONETARY PROBLEMS

1. How did western Europe obtain its gold and silver supplies in the 13th, 14th, and 15th centuries?
2. What were the consequences for the monetary system of adoption of gold coinages by northern European countries in the 14th century?
3. Did western Europe suffer from an increasing scarcity of precious metals in the late Middle Ages? If so, when did this scarcity begin, in your view--begin to become a serious problem: in the late 13th, early 14th, late 14th, or 15th centuries?
4. If there was such a scarcity, what were its causes? Was the scarcity more serious in gold or in silver coinages?
5. What were the chief motivations for coinage debasements in the 14th and 15th centuries: fiscal or monetary? Did they reflect, remedy, or aggravate monetary scarcities? What were the economic consequences of coinage debasements?
6. What problems did European mining for precious metals encounter in the late Middle Ages? How were these problems eventually remedied?
7. Did western Europe suffer a balance of payments deficit in the late Middle Ages? How, when, and why?
8. What was the relationship between population and money? Between depopulation and monetary scarcity, particularly in terms of the Miskimin thesis? Defend or attack the Miskimin thesis.
9. In sum: did late medieval Europe experience monetary crises? How were they manifested? How were they caused, and finally remedied? What were their economic and social consequences?
10. In the recent past, the American economist and historian Peter Temin published a provocative book entitled *Did Monetary Forces Cause the Great Depression* (New York, 1976) -- referring, of course, to the Great Depression of 1929-39.

For our purposes, therefore, the question may be rephrased as: 'Did Monetary Forces Cause the 'Great Depression' of the Later Middle Ages?' An important difference, however, is that nobody seriously disputes the fact that western economies suffered from a severe depression in the 1930s; but economic historians still hotly dispute the issue of a 'depression' in the later Middle Ages. Thus an answer to this question partly depends on your view of macro-economic changes in the late-medieval economy. Consider also the following two questions.

11. In particular, were the monetary problems of late-medieval Europe a contributing cause or merely a reflection, a passive reaction to, the economic contraction of this era? If a cause of that contraction, a primary or merely a secondary cause?
12. If western Europe, or more particularly north-western Europe, suffered from periodically severe deflation in the later Middle Ages, what then were the specific economic consequences of deflation: in agriculture, industry, and trade? Did deflation matter? What impact did inflation have upon the factor costs for labour (wages), land (rents), and capital (interest)?

**Table 1**

**English Mint Outputs, 1266-70 to 1536-40**  
**in kilograms of pure silver and gold**  
**and in pounds sterling values**  
**with the Phelps Brown & Hopkins Composite**  
**Price Index: 1451-75 = 100**  
**in quinquennial means**

<b>Years</b>	<b>Silver in kg</b>	<b>Silver in £ sterling</b>	<b>Gold kg</b>	<b>Gold £ sterling</b>	<b>Total Value in £ sterling</b>	<b>PB&amp;H CPI</b>
<b>1266-70</b>	8,550.489	26,637.383			26,637.383	81.25
<b>1271-75</b>	3,559.688	11,089.515			11,089.515	103.84
<b>1276-80</b>	22,194.388	69,353.587			69,353.587	96.61
<b>1281-85</b>	21,913.309	68,548.734			68,548.734	104.80
<b>1286-90</b>	17,280.596	54,056.784			54,056.784	80.52
<b>1291-95</b>	1,552.352	4,856.034			4,856.034	107.45
<b>1296-00</b>	12,071.417	37,761.545			37,761.545	102.34
<b>1301-05</b>	16,017.465	50,105.484			50,105.484	92.35
<b>1306-10</b>	40,226.553	125,835.827			125,835.827	109.81
<b>1311-15</b>	10,706.712	33,492.502			33,492.502	115.33
<b>1316-20</b>	7,275.676	22,759.610			22,759.610	161.91
<b>1321-25</b>	1,780.107	5,568.492			5,568.492	137.97
<b>1326-30</b>	121.857	381.190			381.190	111.07
<b>1331-35</b>	209.056	665.131			665.131	114.12
<b>1336-40</b>	429.488	1,551.599			1,551.599	94.32
<b>1341-45</b>	5,077.456	17,710.473	240.011	9,859.484	27,569.958	90.06
<b>1346-50</b>	1,991.051	7,090.874	675.837	27,123.297	34,214.171	102.70
<b>1351-55</b>	17,442.905	67,245.275	1,939.777	83,567.731	150,813.007	132.18
<b>1356-60</b>	4,423.016	17,081.461	1,726.695	74,406.844	91,488.305	129.46
<b>1361-65</b>	1,630.811	6,298.107	2,415.242	104,077.756	110,375.864	146.64
<b>1366-70</b>	293.822	1,134.727	1,729.027	74,507.352	75,642.079	146.10
<b>1371-75</b>	316.966	1,224.108	802.608	34,586.019	35,810.127	135.26
<b>1376-80</b>	356.898	1,378.322	235.330	10,140.847	11,519.169	110.62
<b>1381-85</b>	317.412	1,225.829	161.835	6,973.804	8,199.633	112.90
<b>1386-90</b>	247.514	955.887	504.811	21,753.331	22,709.218	102.53
<b>1391-95</b>	193.489	747.245	626.546	26,999.152	27,746.397	106.33

<b>Years</b>	<b>Silver in kg</b>	<b>Silver in £ sterling</b>	<b>Gold kg</b>	<b>Gold £ sterling</b>	<b>Total Value in £ sterling</b>	<b>PB&amp;H CPI</b>
<b>1396-00</b>	175.596	678.143	391.143	16,855.142	17,533.285	110.84
<b>1401-05</b>	66.344	256.216	168.671	7,268.390	7,524.606	114.84
<b>1406-10</b>	10.592	40.907	69.005	2,973.568	3,014.475	111.23
<b>1411-15</b>	967.484	4,483.340	1,870.669	89,519.896	94,003.236	108.11
<b>1416-20</b>	837.763	3,882.476	1,035.150	49,563.076	53,445.552	113.40
<b>1421-25</b>	3,186.020	14,765.093	2,557.314	122,444.369	137,209.462	101.48
<b>1426-30</b>	6,858.608	31,785.107	599.478	28,703.069	60,488.176	112.27
<b>1431-35</b>	8,059.545	37,350.656	220.785	10,571.183	47,921.839	108.48
<b>1436-40</b>	977.025	4,527.863	132.274	6,333.298	10,861.161	122.01
<b>1441-45</b>	130.700	605.707	90.778	4,346.467	4,952.174	92.53
<b>1446-50</b>	517.373	2,397.681	64.336	3,080.422	5,478.103	100.90
<b>1451-55</b>	1,460.637	6,769.085	63.526	3,041.629	9,810.714	100.25
<b>1456-60</b>	1,415.094	6,558.024	26.719	1,279.288	7,837.312	97.06
<b>1461-65</b>	3,432.915	18,067.349	488.118	29,731.331	47,798.679	102.73
<b>1466-70</b>	5,168.090	29,938.348	1,288.157	83,263.992	113,202.339	106.75
<b>1471-75</b>	2,422.654	14,034.247	538.669	34,818.552	48,852.799	97.76
<b>1476-80</b>	834.683	4,835.252	404.477	26,144.624	30,979.875	90.06
<b>1481-85</b>	995.231	5,765.296	219.449	14,184.753	19,950.049	127.38
<b>1486-90</b>	926.785	5,368.794	129.749	8,386.730	13,755.524	102.77
<b>1491-95</b>	1,270.840	7,361.876	268.983	17,386.525	24,748.402	106.80
<b>1496-00</b>	2,490.940	14,429.823	278.926	18,029.238	32,459.060	96.70
<b>1501-05</b>	4,313.544	24,988.026	516.604	33,392.271	58,380.297	106.79
<b>1506-10</b>	3,633.212	21,046.916	1,523.115	98,451.267	119,498.183	103.77
<b>1511-15</b>	1,089.012	6,308.562	694.599	44,897.564	51,206.126	108.52
<b>1516-20</b>	79.145	458.481	743.656	48,068.530	48,527.011	120.44
<b>1521-25</b>	3,148.207	18,237.317	442.135	28,578.780	46,816.096	146.05
<b>1526-30</b>	9,244.701	60,248.025	736.421	54,079.255	114,327.280	157.35
<b>1531-35</b>	4,616.832	30,088.071	189.160	13,890.972	43,979.043	155.64
<b>1536-40</b>	5,684.094	37,043.459	406.719	29,826.052	66,869.511	152.33

Sources: Challis (1992); Munro (1973, 1981, 1983a, 1984, 1991).

**Table 2**

**The Mint Outputs of Flanders (1341 to 1420) and of the  
Burgundian Low Countries (1421-1500) in kilograms of  
pur silver and gold and in pounds groot Flemish values  
with Flemish Composite Price Index (1451-75=100)  
in quinquennial means, 1341-45 to 1496-1500**

<b>Years</b>	<b>Silver in kg</b>	<b>Silver in £ groot Flem</b>	<b>Gold kg</b>	<b>Gold £ groot Flem</b>	<b>Total Value £ groot Flem</b>	<b>Flemish CPI 1451-75=100</b>
<b>1336-40</b>	3,641.114	4,873.432	266.769	3,975.690	8,849.122	
<b>1341-45</b>	176.761	310.860	1.322	26.600	337.460	
<b>1346-50</b>	5,553.490	11,138.594	315.965	6,596.362	17,734.956	50.57
<b>1351-55</b>	5,178.951	11,397.252	1,096.661	24,811.554	36,208.806	60.65
<b>1356-60</b>	8,820.730	21,251.516	3,191.827	80,870.028	102,121.544	87.54
<b>1361-65</b>	3,992.165	11,141.966	2,629.891	77,350.494	88,492.460	94.43
<b>1366-70</b>	10,030.194	32,269.760	1,586.502	50,200.530	82,470.290	107.40
<b>1371-75</b>	2,215.757	8,315.146	825.209	32,921.278	41,236.424	115.22
<b>1376-80</b>	915.615	3,648.742	261.200	10,555.072	14,203.814	111.66
<b>1381-85</b>	2,816.883	11,467.496	529.809	22,941.630	34,409.126	119.19
<b>1386-90</b>	1,787.714	7,792.290	423.106	20,865.908	28,658.198	124.72
<b>1391-95</b>	3,676.062	14,958.400	368.614	14,458.242	29,416.642	88.51
<b>1396-00</b>	5,791.306	23,507.520	324.589	12,731.424	36,238.944	89.80
<b>1401-05</b>	691.661	2,826.540	31.535	1,236.902	4,063.442	88.53
<b>1406-10</b>	1,113.700	3,887.994	19.025	636.250	4,524.244	105.26
<b>1411-15</b>	2,484.269	8,665.846	5.884	196.762	8,862.608	95.31
<b>1416-20</b>	3,124.468	15,052.698	4.308	181.634	15,234.332	107.38
<b>1421-25</b>	12,143.547	58,804.340	41.056	2,195.696	61,000.036	112.18
<b>1426-30</b>	7,999.913	43,326.036	1,105.072	69,470.408	112,796.444	117.77
<b>1431-35</b>	6,609.816	34,252.100	1,774.868	115,353.244	149,605.344	123.51
<b>1436-40</b>	5,015.219	25,788.386	511.935	28,534.390	54,322.776	140.17
<b>1441-45</b>	102.683	527.552	111.931	6,466.290	6,993.842	113.50
<b>1446-50</b>	5.911	40.786	2.550	148.084	188.870	109.98
<b>1451-55</b>	164.611	880.316	827.293	50,701.692	51,582.008	100.90
<b>1456-60</b>	64.066	408.310	253.139	15,513.918	15,922.228	117.86
<b>1461-65</b>	0.000	0.000	6.596	404.224	404.224	88.71
<b>1466-70</b>	4,628.964	27,867.694	253.594	16,400.726	44,268.420	96.52
<b>1471-75</b>	7,313.984	45,191.724	261.202	18,927.514	64,119.238	96.02

<b>Years</b>	<b>Silver in kg</b>	<b>Silver in £ groot Flem</b>	<b>Gold kg</b>	<b>Gold £ groot Flem</b>	<b>Total Value £ groot Flem</b>	<b>Flemish CPI 1451-75=100</b>
<b>1476-80</b>	9,341.495	67,636.251	380.051	29,208.498	96,844.749	117.213
<b>1481-85</b>	6,534.304	56,337.184	58.536	5,216.392	61,553.576	156.853
<b>1486-90</b>	6,803.602	78,323.898	144.641	24,136.964	102,460.862	184.511
<b>1491-95</b>	2,780.071	19,521.098	20.320	1,336.341	20,857.439	144.981
<b>1496-00</b>	5,109.489	43,603.013	474.633	44,464.280	88,067.293	100.255

sources: Munro (1973, 1981, 1983a, 1984, 1998, 1992); Verlinden, Scholliers, Craeybeckx (1959-65).

Table 3.

**Values in Pence of the Main Commodity Groups in the English Basket of Consumables Price Index:  
The Phelps Brown & Hopkins Index Revised by John Munro**

**commodity values in pence sterling and their percentage shares of the total consumption basket**

**in quinquennial means, 1266-70 to 1516-20  
with index numbers for the total basket: mean of 1451-75=100**

Year 5 Year Means	Grains & Drink (Barley & Hops) in d sterling	Meat Fish Dairy	Industrial: Fuel, Light Textiles in d sterling	Total value of the basket in d sterling	Index number 1451-75=100 Munro 112.801d sterling	Grains Drink (Barley) Hops) as percent total	Meat Fish Dairy	Industrial: Fuel, Light Textiles as percent total
<b>1266-70</b>	45.693	30.945	19.073	95.711	84.850	47.74%	32.33%	19.93%
<b>1271-75</b>	60.300	40.026	18.942	119.267	105.733	50.56%	33.56%	15.88%
<b>1276-80</b>	51.566	41.440	19.822	112.827	100.023	45.70%	36.73%	17.57%
<b>1281-85</b>	61.669	40.321	16.658	118.648	105.184	51.98%	33.98%	14.04%
<b>1286-90</b>	41.581	36.477	14.386	92.444	81.953	44.98%	39.46%	15.56%
<b>1291-95</b>	68.542	35.681	14.640	118.863	105.375	57.66%	30.02%	12.32%
<b>1296-1300</b>	57.257	39.703	16.162	113.122	100.285	50.62%	35.10%	14.29%
<b>1301-05</b>	49.163	37.105	17.146	103.414	91.679	47.54%	35.88%	16.58%
<b>1306-10</b>	58.224	43.141	15.641	117.006	103.728	49.76%	36.87%	13.37%
<b>1311-15</b>	56.096	50.895	17.588	124.580	110.443	45.03%	40.85%	14.12%
<b>1316-20</b>	100.359	54.667	19.318	174.344	154.560	57.56%	31.36%	11.08%
<b>1321-25</b>	78.288	50.301	18.846	147.434	130.704	53.10%	34.12%	12.78%
<b>1326-30</b>	54.550	44.100	19.467	118.116	104.712	46.18%	37.34%	16.48%
<b>1331-35</b>	60.016	44.551	18.507	123.074	109.108	48.76%	36.20%	15.04%
<b>1336-40</b>	41.997	41.660	17.025	100.682	89.256	41.71%	41.38%	16.91%
<b>1341-45</b>	41.585	38.899	15.999	96.482	85.533	43.10%	40.32%	16.58%
<b>1346-50</b>	51.221	41.597	20.055	112.873	100.064	45.38%	36.85%	17.77%
<b>1351-55</b>	68.656	48.430	25.575	142.661	126.472	48.13%	33.95%	17.93%
<b>1356-60</b>	59.555	48.017	25.636	133.209	118.092	44.71%	36.05%	19.25%
<b>1361-65</b>	77.057	53.063	25.518	155.637	137.976	49.51%	34.09%	16.40%
<b>1366-70</b>	73.347	53.496	27.085	153.928	136.460	47.65%	34.75%	17.60%
<b>1371-75</b>	60.083	56.820	26.743	143.646	127.345	41.83%	39.56%	18.62%
<b>1376-80</b>	48.326	50.545	25.087	123.958	109.891	38.99%	40.78%	20.24%

Year 5 Year Means	Grains & Drink (Barley & Hops) in d sterling	Meat Fish Dairy	Industrial: Fuel, Light Textiles in d sterling	Total value of the basket in d sterling	Index number 1451-75=100 Munro 112.801d sterling	Grains Drink (Barley) Hops) as percent total	Meat Fish Dairy	Industrial: Fuel, Light Textiles as percent total
<b>1381-85</b>	52.673	48.493	26.513	127.679	113.190	41.25%	37.98%	20.77%
<b>1386-90</b>	44.449	47.393	22.348	114.191	101.233	38.93%	41.50%	19.57%
<b>1391-95</b>	51.005	44.093	22.161	117.259	103.953	43.50%	37.60%	18.90%
<b>1396-1400</b>	53.816	49.719	21.277	124.812	110.648	43.12%	39.83%	17.05%
<b>1401-05</b>	58.498	47.457	21.118	127.073	112.653	46.04%	37.35%	16.62%
<b>1406-10</b>	52.646	49.584	21.768	123.998	109.927	42.46%	39.99%	17.55%
<b>1411-15</b>	48.726	50.018	23.375	122.119	108.261	39.90%	40.96%	19.14%
<b>1416-20</b>	55.549	50.041	22.548	128.139	113.598	43.35%	39.05%	17.60%
<b>1421-25</b>	49.284	44.618	23.118	117.020	103.740	42.12%	38.13%	19.76%
<b>1426-30</b>	55.745	47.861	23.419	127.025	112.610	43.89%	37.68%	18.44%
<b>1431-35</b>	53.252	47.420	22.418	123.090	109.122	43.26%	38.52%	18.21%
<b>1436-40</b>	66.745	51.010	22.363	140.118	124.218	47.63%	36.40%	15.96%
<b>1441-45</b>	36.681	45.505	22.238	104.424	92.574	35.13%	43.58%	21.30%
<b>1446-50</b>	44.519	48.482	21.199	114.200	101.241	38.98%	42.45%	18.56%
<b>1451-55</b>	47.534	46.528	20.712	114.774	101.750	41.42%	40.54%	18.05%
<b>1456-60</b>	42.531	47.008	20.961	110.500	97.961	38.49%	42.54%	18.97%
<b>1461-65</b>	48.251	46.781	19.457	114.489	101.497	42.14%	40.86%	16.99%
<b>1466-70</b>	46.067	48.073	21.729	115.869	102.720	39.76%	41.49%	18.75%
<b>1471-75</b>	45.745	42.228	20.397	108.370	96.072	42.21%	38.97%	18.82%
<b>1476-80</b>	43.615	38.688	22.227	104.529	92.667	41.72%	37.01%	21.26%
<b>1481-85</b>	67.062	48.205	21.653	136.921	121.383	48.98%	35.21%	15.81%
<b>1486-90</b>	45.334	47.027	21.871	114.232	101.269	39.69%	41.17%	19.15%
<b>1491-95</b>	45.836	48.417	21.418	115.671	102.545	39.63%	41.86%	18.52%
<b>1496-1500</b>	44.531	45.161	21.460	111.152	98.538	40.06%	40.63%	19.31%
<b>1501-05</b>	53.526	44.578	21.901	120.005	106.386	44.60%	37.15%	18.25%
<b>1506-10</b>	44.637	52.336	21.526	118.499	105.052	37.67%	44.17%	18.17%
<b>1511-15</b>	49.015	48.157	22.413	119.584	106.014	40.99%	40.27%	18.74%
<b>1516-20</b>	54.594	61.580	23.504	139.678	123.827	39.09%	44.09%	16.83%

See Table 4 below, for the index numbers for each of the seven major components in the basket.

**Sources:**

Archives of the British Library of Economic and Political Science (London School of Economics), The Phelps Brown Papers, BOX Ia: 324

This significantly revised version should be compared with the price indexes in the original version presented in E. Henry Phelps Brown and Sheila Hopkins, 'Seven Centuries of the Prices of Consumables, Compared with Builders' Wage Rates', *Economica*, 23:92 (November 1956), 296-314; reprinted in E.H. Phelps Brown and Sheila V. Hopkins, *A Perspective of Wages and Prices* (London, 1981), pp. 13-39 (with price indexes not in the original). That comparison may be seen in the final two columns (nos. 9 and 10) of the following Table 2.

Table 4.

## Phelps Brown &amp; Hopkins Composite Price Index for Southern England (Revised by Munro)

in quinquennial means: 1266-70 to 1516-20

mean of 1451-75 = 100

index numbers for each commodity component of the basket and for the total basket

Years Five-Year Means	Grains: wheat, rye barley peas	Meat: pigs mutton beef	Fish: herring cod	Dairy Products: butter cheese	Drink: malt hops	Fuel/Light: charcoal candles lamp oil	Textiles: Woollens Canvas Linen	Total Basket: Munro Revised	Phelps Brown & Hopkins
	base value in d.	base value in d.	base value in d.	base value in d.	base value in d.	base value in d.	base value in d.	Index base value in d.	Original Index numbers
	<b>21.799</b>	<b>23.950</b>	<b>6.595</b>	<b>15.579</b>	<b>24.227</b>	<b>8.153</b>	<b>12.499</b>	<b>112.801</b>	
<b>1266-70</b>	93.495	69.780	26.764	80.027	104.481	137.304	63.040	84.850	78.667
<b>1271-75</b>	129.148	106.889	25.766	81.694	132.691	129.628	66.995	105.733	104.200
<b>1276-80</b>	105.241	107.620	34.043	86.140	118.151	120.480	80.002	100.023	96.800
<b>1281-85</b>	111.528	103.705	46.023	79.908	154.197	101.642	66.978	105.184	102.200
<b>1286-90</b>	79.081	91.023	33.411	80.065	100.476	92.576	54.718	81.953	80.600
<b>1291-95</b>	139.541	85.490	36.166	82.300	157.360	92.038	57.099	105.375	107.200
<b>1296-1300</b>	108.480	101.148	45.871	79.936	138.728	97.346	65.813	100.285	102.400
<b>1301-05</b>	93.544	94.467	34.119	78.503	118.760	114.210	62.685	91.679	92.400
<b>1306-10</b>	117.048	109.551	44.633	89.608	135.013	116.569	49.105	103.728	110.600
<b>1311-15</b>	116.607	123.486	56.592	112.898	126.625	125.881	58.613	110.443	115.200
<b>1316-20</b>	194.864	132.724	65.478	119.145	238.913	127.026	71.704	154.560	162.000
<b>1321-25</b>	164.702	111.064	57.876	127.634	174.948	131.758	64.843	130.704	138.200
<b>1326-30</b>	101.931	105.950	43.723	101.686	133.446	128.719	71.789	104.712	111.000
<b>1331-35</b>	110.302	110.021	50.913	95.281	148.479	123.733	67.359	109.108	114.200
<b>1336-40</b>	84.730	96.346	58.293	94.622	97.109	115.110	61.129	89.256	94.400
<b>1341-45</b>	81.356	89.666	55.033	88.547	98.444	106.893	58.279	85.533	90.000
<b>1346-50</b>	101.499	94.572	57.459	97.299	120.095	118.731	83.008	100.064	102.400

Years Five-Year Means	Grains: wheat, rye barley peas base value in d.	Meat: pigs mutton beef base value in d.	Fish: herring cod base value in d.	Dairy Products: butter cheese base value in d.	Drink: malt hops base value in d.	Fuel/Light: charcoal candles lamp oil base value in d.	Textiles: Woollens Canvas Linen base value in d.	Total Basket: Munro Revised Index base value in d.	Phelps Brown & Hopkins Original Index numbers
	<b>21.799</b>	<b>23.950</b>	<b>6.595</b>	<b>15.579</b>	<b>24.227</b>	<b>8.153</b>	<b>12.499</b>	<b>112.801</b>	
<b>1351-55</b>	131.100	113.987	77.273	102.921	165.428	131.392	118.918	126.472	132.800
<b>1356-60</b>	115.863	108.455	67.796	112.790	141.572	131.870	119.097	118.092	130.800
<b>1361-65</b>	130.413	131.419	79.927	104.738	200.720	127.247	121.164	137.976	146.600
<b>1366-70</b>	150.487	131.607	80.875	106.830	167.344	143.980	122.784	136.460	146.200
<b>1371-75</b>	133.638	143.653	86.182	107.403	127.757	153.580	113.786	127.345	135.400
<b>1376-80</b>	96.219	118.580	87.597	105.066	112.898	139.896	109.466	109.891	110.600
<b>1381-85</b>	104.029	110.890	82.897	105.709	123.810	136.484	123.102	113.190	113.200
<b>1386-90</b>	83.336	108.055	98.061	96.590	108.486	129.251	94.497	101.233	102.400
<b>1391-95</b>	96.639	106.471	109.181	73.130	123.578	131.190	91.735	103.953	106.200
<b>1396-1400</b>	105.084	111.064	112.214	100.898	127.583	122.933	90.044	110.648	110.600
<b>1401-05</b>	117.530	110.071	77.058	102.790	135.709	111.724	96.083	112.653	114.800
<b>1406-10</b>	108.229	106.555	112.425	106.878	119.921	109.523	102.721	109.927	111.200
<b>1411-15</b>	91.411	105.599	114.787	110.132	118.876	120.772	108.239	108.261	108.000
<b>1416-20</b>	114.066	103.055	129.702	107.879	126.654	123.370	99.931	113.598	112.800
<b>1421-25</b>	94.999	93.213	122.294	91.331	117.948	131.817	98.984	103.740	102.000
<b>1426-30</b>	107.222	99.581	116.106	104.979	133.620	122.182	107.674	112.610	112.600
<b>1431-35</b>	110.106	106.078	81.498	106.810	120.734	120.031	101.071	109.122	108.600
<b>1436-40</b>	148.525	109.585	114.857	110.342	141.862	118.457	101.656	124.218	122.000
<b>1441-45</b>	75.504	96.624	109.282	97.290	83.469	116.799	101.740	92.574	92.800
<b>1446-50</b>	97.399	106.245	96.604	106.978	96.123	108.833	98.617	101.241	101.000
<b>1451-55</b>	102.327	100.600	100.898	101.294	104.133	103.918	97.930	101.750	100.400
<b>1456-60</b>	94.082	101.948	100.070	102.652	90.899	101.898	101.243	97.961	97.000
<b>1461-65</b>	103.681	101.972	96.494	102.675	105.874	92.172	95.549	101.497	102.800
<b>1466-70</b>	100.888	105.161	96.911	105.886	99.373	104.869	105.447	102.720	106.400
<b>1471-75</b>	99.022	90.320	105.628	87.492	99.721	97.143	99.832	96.072	97.800
<b>1476-80</b>	107.053	83.116	100.299	78.102	83.701	93.890	116.589	92.667	91.000
<b>1481-85</b>	148.173	110.420	84.839	103.760	143.487	101.428	107.085	121.383	129.800

Years Five-Year Means	Grains: wheat, rye barley peas base value in d.	Meat: pigs mutton beef base value in d.	Fish: herring cod base value in d.	Dairy Products: butter cheese base value in d.	Drink: malt hops base value in d.	Fuel/Light: charcoal candles lamp oil base value in d.	Textiles: Woollens Canvas Linen base value in d.	Total Basket: Munro Revised Index base value in d.	Phelps Brown & Hopkins Original Index numbers
	<b>21.799</b>	<b>23.950</b>	<b>6.595</b>	<b>15.579</b>	<b>24.227</b>	<b>8.153</b>	<b>12.499</b>	<b>112.801</b>	
<b>1486-90</b>	109.393	106.973	87.146	100.521	88.693	93.340	114.103	101.269	102.800
<b>1491-95</b>	100.342	111.863	79.611	105.115	98.909	81.642	118.110	102.545	103.400
<b>1496-1500</b>	103.260	102.599	84.438	96.411	90.899	86.299	115.406	98.538	96.800
<b>1501-05</b>	128.266	100.137	90.008	94.097	105.526	93.464	114.259	106.386	110.600
<b>1506-10</b>	104.004	119.888	92.077	112.656	90.666	88.070	114.780	105.052	99.800
<b>1511-15</b>	121.826	108.781	93.701	102.219	92.698	95.511	117.022	106.014	108.600
<b>1516-20</b>	116.520	148.352	84.375	131.498	120.502	99.745	122.987	123.827	120.600

**Sources:**

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Commodity weights: see John Munro, 'The Late-Medieval Decline of English Demesne Agriculture: Demographic, Monetary, and Political-Fiscal Factors', in *Town and Countryside in the Age of the Black Death: Essays in Honour of John Hatcher*, ed. Mark Bailey and Stephen Rigby, The Medieval Countryside, vol. 12 (Turnhout: Brepols, 2012), Table 27, p. 338.



**Table 5.****National Means of Manorial Agricultural Wages in England****In quinquennial means: 1266-70 to 1496-1500****in pence and in index numbers, for nominal and real wages****Index: Mean of 1451-75 = 100**

Year Michaelmas Five-year period	Phelps Brown & Hopkins CPI (Munro) revised version)	REAPING AND BINDING GRAINS per acre of grains			THRESHING AND WINNOWING GRAINS Piece rates per razed quarter (8 bushels)		
		Reaping & Binding per acre of grains pence	Reaping & Binding per acre of grains Index: <b>1451-75=100</b> <b>9.966d</b>	Real Wage Index RWI=NWI/CPI harmonic means <b>1451-75=100</b>	Threshing & Winnowing razed quarter of grains pence	Threshing & Winnowing razed quarter of grains Index: <b>1451-75=100</b> <b>10.366d</b>	Real Wage Index RWI=NWI/CPI harmonic means <b>1451-75=100</b>
<b>1266-70</b>	84.850	4.681	46.970	55.367	3.502	33.787	39.707
<b>1271-75</b>	105.733	4.349	43.636	41.228	3.648	35.188	33.315
<b>1276-80</b>	100.023	4.784	48.000	47.142	3.802	36.676	35.575
<b>1281-85</b>	105.184	5.158	51.758	49.043	3.909	37.714	34.224
<b>1286-90</b>	81.953	4.530	45.455	55.327	4.057	39.132	47.621
<b>1291-95</b>	105.375	4.844	48.606	45.995	4.595	44.322	41.587
<b>1296-1300</b>	100.285	4.941	49.576	49.445	4.519	43.596	43.269
<b>1301-05</b>	91.679	5.243	52.606	57.296	4.982	48.059	51.808
<b>1306-10</b>	103.728	5.641	56.606	54.342	4.508	43.492	41.802
<b>1311-15</b>	110.443	6.390	64.121	58.012	4.648	44.841	40.427
<b>1316-20</b>	154.560	6.644	66.667	42.366	5.025	48.474	30.356
<b>1321-25</b>	130.704	6.245	62.667	47.913	5.488	52.938	40.421
<b>1326-30</b>	104.712	6.535	65.576	62.282	5.111	49.305	46.875
<b>1331-35</b>	109.108	6.402	64.242	58.730	5.358	51.692	46.586
<b>1336-40</b>	89.256	5.919	59.394	66.710	5.358	51.692	57.893
<b>1341-45</b>	85.533	6.076	60.970	71.277	5.402	52.107	60.912
<b>1346-50</b>	100.064	7.055	70.788	66.331	5.832	56.259	55.738

Year Michaelmas Five-year period	REAPING AND BINDING GRAINS per acre of grains				THRESHING AND WINNOWING GRAINS Piece rates per razed quarter (8 bushels)			
	Phelps Brown & Hopkins CPI (Munro) revised version)	Reaping & Binding per acre of grains	Reaping & Binding per acre of grains	Real Wage Index RWI=NWI/CPI harmonic means	Threshing & Winnowing razed quarter of grains	Threshing & Winnowing razed quarter of grains	Real Wage Index RWI=NWI/CPI harmonic means	
		pence	Index: <b>1451-75=100</b>	<b>1451-75=100</b>	<b>9.966d</b>	pence	<b>1451-75=100</b>	<b>10.366d</b>
<b>1351-55</b>	126.472	7.876	79.030	62.273	6.262	60.411	46.468	
<b>1356-60</b>	118.092	6.572	65.939	55.741	5.746	55.429	46.704	
<b>1361-65</b>	137.976	8.033	80.606	58.291	6.252	60.307	43.542	
<b>1366-70</b>	136.460	8.299	83.273	60.776	6.671	64.355	46.566	
<b>1371-75</b>	127.345	8.480	85.091	65.891	7.414	71.518	55.280	
<b>1376-80</b>	109.891	9.954	99.879	90.925	7.704	74.320	67.418	
<b>1381-85</b>	113.190	9.072	91.030	78.986	8.038	77.538	68.007	
<b>1386-90</b>	101.233	9.205	92.364	91.244	7.500	72.348	71.425	
<b>1391-95</b>	103.953	8.734	87.636	83.473	7.414	71.518	68.700	
<b>1396-1400</b>	110.648	8.734	87.636	77.934	7.962	76.811	69.165	
<b>1401-05</b>	112.653	9.241	92.727	82.430	8.436	81.378	69.795	
<b>1406-10</b>	109.927	9.918	99.515	90.550	8.726	84.181	76.101	
<b>1411-15</b>	108.261	10.038	100.727	93.009	7.812	75.358	69.618	
<b>1416-20</b>	113.598	9.857	98.909	86.918	8.920	86.049	74.925	
<b>1421-25</b>	103.740	9.362	93.939	90.009	8.317	80.237	77.243	
<b>1426-30</b>	112.610	9.048	90.788	79.884	8.221	79.302	70.570	
<b>1431-35</b>	109.122	9.386	94.182	86.265	8.070	77.849	71.231	
<b>1436-40</b>	124.218	9.561	95.939	77.596	10.254	98.920	77.342	
<b>1441-45</b>	92.574	10.981	110.182	118.832	9.415	90.824	97.297	
<b>1446-50</b>	101.241	9.942	99.758	98.561	8.920	86.049	84.038	
<b>1451-55</b>	101.750	9.821	98.545	96.827	9.447	91.136	88.540	
<b>1456-60</b>	97.961	10.268	103.030	105.470	10.448	100.789	102.479	
<b>1461-65</b>	101.497	10.026	100.606	114.032	10.674	102.969	101.542	
<b>1466-70</b>	102.720				10.340	99.751	96.804	
<b>1471-75</b>	96.072				10.921	105.355	109.663	
<b>1476-80</b>	92.667							
<b>1481-85</b>	121.383	10.026	100.606	82.833*				

**REAPING AND BINDING GRAINS**  
per acre of grains

**THRESHING AND WINNOWING GRAINS**  
Piece rates per razed quarter (8 bushels)

Year Michaelmas Five-year period	Phelps Brown & Hopkins CPI (Munro) revised version)	Reaping & Binding per acre of grains pence	Reaping & Binding per acre of grains Index: <b>1451-75=100</b> <b>9.966d</b>	Real Wage Index RWI=NWI/CPI harmonic means <b>1451-75=100</b>	Threshing & Winnowing razed quarter of grains pence	Threshing & Winnowing razed quarter of grains Index: <b>1451-75=100</b> <b>10.366d</b>	Real Wage Index RWI=NWI/CPI harmonic means <b>1451-75=100</b>
<b>1486-90</b>		101.269					
<b>1491-95</b>		102.545					
<b>1496-1500</b>		98.538					

\* arithmetic means based on nominal wages for 1480-81 only

**Sources:**

David L. Farmer, 'Crop Yields, Prices and Wages in Medieval England', *Studies in Medieval and Renaissance History*, old series, 6 (1983), 117-55;  
 David L. Farmer, 'Prices and Wages', in *The Agrarian History of England and Wales*, Vol. II: 1042-1350, ed. H. E. Hallam (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988), pp. 760-78, 811-17; David L. Farmer, 'Prices and Wages, 1350-1500', in *The Agrarian History of England and Wales*, Vol. III: 1348-1500, ed. Edward Miller (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991), pp. 467-90, 516-24.

Note that Farmer's wage data do not go beyond 1500; and there are few agricultural wages available from manorial sources after ca. 1450.

Table 6.

## National Means of Manorial Industrial Wages in England

## Part A: for Carpenters and Masons (Masters)

**In quinquennial means, 1266-70 to 1496-1500**  
**in pence per day and in index numbers, for nominal and real wages**

Index: Mean of 1451-75 = 100

Year Michaelmas Five-year period	Phelps Brown & Hopkins CPI (Munro ) revised version)	CARPENTERS: MANORIAL in pence per day			MASONS: MANORIAL in pence per day		
		Carpenter solo per day in pence	Carpenter solo per day	Real Wage Index RWI=NWI/CPI harmonic means	Mason solo per day	Mason solo per day	Real Wage Index RWI=NWI/CPI harmonic means
1266-70	84.850	2.836	51.489	58.407			
1271-75	105.733	3.205	58.195	54.083			
1276-80	100.023	2.379	43.192	44.665			
1281-85	105.184	2.398	43.533	41.241			
1286-90	81.953	2.529	45.920	54.590			
1291-95	105.375	2.704	49.102	46.535			
1296-1300	100.285	3.092	56.149	55.482			
1301-05	91.679	2.742	49.784	53.739			
1306-10	103.728	2.886	52.398	50.588			
1311-15	110.443	2.861	51.944	47.006			
1316-20	154.560	3.337	60.582	38.920			
1321-25	130.704	3.249	58.991	45.063			
1326-30	104.712	2.999	54.444	52.063			
1331-35	109.108	3.243	58.877	54.050			
1336-40	89.256	3.136	56.945	63.373			
1341-45	85.533	2.999	54.444	63.364			
1346-50	100.064	3.293	59.786	59.090			
1351-55	126.472	3.524	63.992	50.181	3.901	68.495	54.123
1356-60	118.092	3.956	71.835	60.774	4.031	70.770	59.784

Year Michaelmas Five-year period	Phelps Brown & Hopkins CPI (Munro ) revised version)	Carpenter solo per day in pence	Carpenter solo per day	Real Wage Index RWI=NWI/CPI harmonic means	Mason solo per day pence	Mason solo per day	Real Wage Index RWI=NWI/CPI harmonic means
			Index: <b>1451-75=100</b>			Index: <b>1451-75=100</b>	
			<b>5.508d</b>			<b>5.695d</b>	
<b>1361-65</b>	137.976	4.188	76.040	55.102	4.331	76.039	55.057
<b>1366-70</b>	136.460	4.332	78.654	57.697	4.215	74.003	53.838
<b>1371-75</b>	127.345	4.194	76.154	59.602	4.488	78.793	60.605
<b>1376-80</b>	109.891	4.194	76.154	69.304	4.713	82.745	75.299
<b>1381-85</b>	113.190	4.319	78.427	69.095	4.788	84.062	73.735
<b>1386-90</b>	101.233	4.207	76.381	75.388	4.269	74.961	73.418
<b>1391-95</b>	103.953	4.269	77.518	74.465	4.528	79.511	75.455
<b>1396-1400</b>	110.648	4.276	77.631	70.193	4.324	75.919	68.453
<b>1401-05</b>	112.653	4.639	84.224	74.644	4.651	81.667	71.885
<b>1406-10</b>	109.927	4.733	85.929	77.377	5.054	88.732	80.270
<b>1411-15</b>	108.261	4.344	78.882	72.716	4.849	85.140	77.680
<b>1416-20</b>	113.598	4.582	83.201	73.118	5.296	92.983	80.323
<b>1421-25</b>	103.740	4.657	84.565	81.328	5.429	95.318	91.175
<b>1426-30</b>	112.610	4.970	90.248	80.267	5.313	93.282	82.142
<b>1431-35</b>	109.122	4.826	87.634	79.953	4.979	87.415	78.991
<b>1436-40</b>	124.218	5.396	97.977	79.105	5.569	97.773	77.873
<b>1441-45</b>	92.574	5.064	91.953	99.365	5.224	91.726	98.609
<b>1446-50</b>	101.241	5.283	95.931	94.597	5.531	97.114	95.690
<b>1451-55</b>	101.750	5.321	96.613	94.979	5.592	98.192	96.412
<b>1456-60</b>	97.961	5.590	101.500	103.403	5.490	96.396	98.141
<b>1461-65</b>	101.497	5.390	97.863	96.414	5.487	96.336	94.422
<b>1466-70</b>	102.720	5.446	98.886	96.013	5.954	104.538	101.697
<b>1471-75</b>	96.072	5.791	105.138	109.609	5.954	104.538	108.307
<b>1476-80</b>	92.667	5.878	106.729	114.305	5.886	103.341	111.453
<b>1481-85</b>	121.383	5.584	101.387	83.131	5.333	93.641	76.871
<b>1486-90</b>	101.269	5.834	105.933	104.362	5.647	99.150	97.402
<b>1491-95</b>	102.545	5.872	106.615	103.621	5.797	101.784	99.217
<b>1496-1500</b>	98.538	5.647	102.523	103.518	5.575	97.892	99.135

Sources:

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Note that Farmer's wage data do not go beyond 1500.

Table 7.

## National Means of Manorial Industrial Wages in England

## Part B: For Thatchers and Slaters (Masters and Servants)

**In quinquennial means, 1266-70 to 1496-1500**  
 in pence per day and in index numbers, for nominal and real wages

Index: Mean of 1451-75 = 100

Year Michaelmas Five-year period	Phelps Brown & Hopkins CPI (Munro ) revised version)	THATCHER & MATES: MANORIAL in pence per day			SLATER/TILERS & MATES: MANORIAL in pence per day		
		Thatcher & mate per day	Thatcher & mate per day	Real Wage Index RWI=NWI/CPI harmonic means	Slater/Tiler & mate per day	Slater/Tiler & mate per day	Real Wage Index RWI=NWI/CPI harmonic means
		pence	Index: 1451-75=100 9.108d		pence	Index: 1451-75=100 9.698d	
1266-70	84.850	2.715	29.813	34.266	5.788	59.680	68.969
1271-75	105.733	3.258	35.767	33.259	5.740	59.187	54.330
1276-80	100.023	3.093	33.960	33.793	7.129	73.505	n.a.
1281-85	105.184	4.002	43.939	46.619	5.310	54.753	48.292
1286-90	81.953	3.433	37.697	45.543	5.767	59.461	71.162
1291-95	105.375	3.620	39.750	37.145	5.071	52.289	n.a.
1296-1300	100.285	3.531	38.765	38.410	5.615	57.901	n.a.
1301-05	91.679	3.613	39.668	43.006	5.299	54.643	57.687
1306-10	103.728	3.523	38.683	37.242	5.055	52.124	49.494
1311-15	110.443	3.987	43.775	39.686	5.979	61.651	55.768
1316-20	154.560	4.107	45.089	29.503	5.650	58.257	37.338
1321-25	130.704	3.882	42.625	32.672	5.066	52.234	38.460
1326-30	104.712	3.531	38.765	36.901	5.023	51.796	49.556
1331-35	109.108	3.792	41.639	38.030	5.565	57.381	52.569
1336-40	89.256	3.882	42.625	47.834	5.135	52.946	59.428
1341-45	85.533	3.553	39.011	45.560	5.246	54.095	63.104
1346-50	100.064	4.204	46.156	45.180	5.172	53.329	52.674
1351-55	126.472	4.682	51.413	40.626	6.011	61.980	49.061
1356-60	118.092	4.608	50.591	42.687	6.117	63.075	53.339

Year Michaelmas Five-year period	Phelps Brown & Hopkins CPI (Munro ) revised version)	THATCHER & MATES: MANORIAL in pence per day			SLATER/TILERS & MATES: MANORIAL in pence per day		
		Thatcher & mate per day	Thatcher & mate per day	Real Wage Index RWI=NWI/CPI harmonic means	Slater/Tiler & mate per day	Slater/Tiler & mate per day	Real Wage Index RWI=NWI/CPI harmonic means
		pence	Index: 1451-75=100 9.108d		pence	Index: 1451-75=100 9.698d	
<b>1361-65</b>	137.976	5.333	58.558	42.389	6.499	67.017	48.544
<b>1366-70</b>	136.460	5.685	62.418	45.798	7.041	72.602	53.385
<b>1371-75</b>	127.345	5.887	64.635	50.731	7.668	79.063	60.777
<b>1376-80</b>	109.891	6.066	66.606	60.747	7.052	72.711	66.205
<b>1381-85</b>	113.190	6.171	67.756	59.676	7.519	77.530	68.059
<b>1386-90</b>	101.233	6.119	67.181	66.293	7.492	77.256	76.249
<b>1391-95</b>	103.953	6.313	69.317	66.240	7.190	74.135	71.409
<b>1396-1400</b>	110.648	6.253	68.660	62.010	7.381	76.106	68.835
<b>1401-05</b>	112.653	6.567	72.109	63.613	8.050	83.005	73.674
<b>1406-10</b>	109.927	6.829	74.984	67.938	7.848	80.924	73.568
<b>1411-15</b>	108.261	6.552	71.945	66.124	7.816	80.596	73.867
<b>1416-20</b>	113.598	6.882	75.558	66.445	8.326	85.852	75.202
<b>1421-25</b>	103.740	6.171	67.756	65.038	8.358	86.180	83.027
<b>1426-30</b>	112.610	7.667	84.182	74.515	8.167	84.209	74.237
<b>1431-35</b>	109.122	7.443	81.718	74.736	8.454	87.166	79.566
<b>1436-40</b>	124.218	8.774	96.337	77.113	9.006	92.860	74.641
<b>1441-45</b>	92.574	8.767	96.255	102.614	9.091	93.736	101.119
<b>1446-50</b>	101.241	8.804	96.666	95.316	9.154	94.393	92.497
<b>1451-55</b>	101.750	9.260	101.675	99.135	9.547	98.445	96.740
<b>1456-60</b>	97.961	9.544	104.796	106.531	9.696	99.978	101.526
<b>1461-65</b>	101.497	9.013	98.965	97.505	9.462	97.569	95.970
<b>1466-70</b>	102.720	9.013	98.965	96.344	10.025	103.373	100.246
<b>1471-75</b>	96.072	8.707	95.598	99.170	9.760	100.635	104.876
<b>1476-80</b>	92.667	9.500	104.304	103.620	9.919	102.278	109.830
<b>1481-85</b>	121.383				9.186	94.722	77.814
<b>1486-90</b>	101.269	9.986	109.642	105.206	8.974	92.532	88.788
<b>1491-95</b>	102.545	9.874	108.410	104.366	9.016	92.970	87.332
<b>1496-1500</b>	98.538	9.175	100.745	100.799	8.990	92.696	96.476

**Sources:**

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Note that Farmer's wage data do not go beyond 1500.

Table 8.

**Nominal and Real Wages for Master Building Craftsmen in Small Towns of SE England:**  
**in pence sterling and in index numbers**

in quinquennial means: 1266-70 to 1516-20

Mean of 1451 - 75 = 100

**RWI = NWI/CPI**

5 Year Means	Total Value of PBH Basket in d ster	PBH Prices Consumer Price Index Munro version 1451-75=100	Master Nominal Day Wage in d. for a Arithmetic mean	Master Mason: Nominal Wage Index 1451-75=100 [= 6d. daily] Arithmetic mean	Master Mason: Real Wage Index (Munro) 1451-75=100 Harmonic mean	Index Numbers Master RWI No. of Baskets Consumed in one year 1451-75=100 Harmonic mean	Master RWI No. of Baskets Consumed in one year (210 days) Harmonic mean
	Value of PBH Basket in d ster	Consumer Price Index Munro version 1451-75=100	Master Nominal Day Wage in d. for a Arithmetic mean	Master Mason: Nominal Wage Index 1451-75=100 [= 6d. daily] Arithmetic mean	Master Mason: Real Wage Index (Munro) 1451-75=100 Harmonic mean	Index Numbers Master RWI No. of Baskets Consumed in one year 1451-75=100 Harmonic mean	Master RWI No. of Baskets Consumed in one year (210 days) Harmonic mean
<b>1266-70</b>	95.711	84.850	3.000	50.000	58.928	58.928	6.582
<b>1271-75</b>	119.267	105.733	3.000	50.000	47.289	47.289	5.282
<b>1275-80</b>	112.827	100.023	3.000	50.000	49.988	49.988	5.584
<b>1281-85</b>	118.648	105.184	3.000	50.000	47.536	47.536	5.310
<b>1286-90</b>	92.444	81.953	3.000	50.000	61.010	61.010	6.815
<b>1291-95</b>	118.863	105.375	3.000	50.000	47.450	47.450	5.300
<b>1296-1300</b>	113.122	100.285	3.000	50.000	49.858	49.858	5.569
<b>1301-05</b>	103.414	91.679	3.300	55.000	59.714	59.714	6.670
<b>1306-10</b>	117.006	103.728	3.600	60.000	57.971	57.971	6.475
<b>1311-15</b>	124.580	110.443	4.000	66.667	60.363	60.363	6.743
<b>1316-20</b>	174.344	154.560	4.000	66.667	43.133	43.133	4.818
<b>1321-25</b>	147.434	130.704	4.000	66.667	51.006	51.006	5.697
<b>1326-30</b>	118.116	104.712	4.000	66.667	63.666	63.666	7.112
<b>1331-35</b>	123.074	109.108	4.000	66.667	61.102	61.102	6.825
<b>1336-40</b>	100.682	89.256	3.600	60.000	66.986	66.986	7.482
<b>1341-45</b>	96.482	85.533	3.000	50.000	58.457	58.457	6.530
<b>1346-50</b>	112.873	100.064	3.000	50.000	49.968	49.968	5.582
<b>1351-55</b>	142.661	126.472	3.600	60.000	46.552	46.552	5.200
<b>1356-60</b>	133.209	118.092	4.600	76.667	64.611	64.611	7.217
<b>1361-65</b>	155.637	137.976	5.000	83.333	60.397	60.397	6.746
<b>1366-70</b>	153.928	136.460	5.000	83.333	61.068	61.068	6.821

5 Year Means	Total Value of PBH Basket in d ster	PBH Prices Consumer Price Index Munro version <b>1451-75=100</b>	Master Nominal Day Wage in d. for a	Master Mason: Nominal Wage Index <b>1451-75=100</b> [= 6d. daily]	Master Mason: Real Wage Index (Munro) <b>1451-75=100</b>	Index Numbers	
	Arithmetic mean	Arithmetic mean	Arithmetic mean	Arithmetic mean	Harmonic mean	Master RWI No. of Baskets Consumed in one year <b>1451-75=100</b>	Master RWI No. of Baskets Consumed in one year (210 days) Harmonic mean
						Harmonic mean	
<b>1371-75</b>	143.646	127.345	5.000	83.333	65.439	65.439	7.310
<b>1376-80</b>	123.958	109.891	5.000	83.333	75.832	75.832	8.471
<b>1381-85</b>	127.679	113.190	5.000	83.333	73.622	73.622	8.224
<b>1386-90</b>	114.191	101.233	5.000	83.333	82.319	82.319	9.195
<b>1391-95</b>	117.259	103.953	5.000	83.333	80.165	80.165	8.955
<b>1396-1400</b>	124.812	110.648	5.000	83.333	75.314	75.314	8.413
<b>1401-05</b>	127.073	112.653	5.100	85.000	75.156	75.156	8.395
<b>1406-10</b>	123.998	109.927	5.800	96.667	88.115	88.115	9.843
<b>1411-15</b>	122.119	108.261	6.000	100.000	92.369	92.369	10.318
<b>1416-20</b>	128.139	113.598	6.000	100.000	88.030	88.030	9.833
<b>1421-25</b>	117.020	103.740	6.000	100.000	96.395	96.395	10.767
<b>1426-30</b>	127.025	112.610	6.000	100.000	88.802	88.802	9.919
<b>1431-35</b>	123.090	109.122	6.000	100.000	91.641	91.641	10.236
<b>1436-40</b>	140.118	124.218	6.000	100.000	80.504	80.504	8.992
<b>1441-45</b>	104.424	92.574	6.000	100.000	108.022	108.022	12.066
<b>1446-50</b>	114.200	101.241	6.000	100.000	98.774	98.774	11.033
<b>1451-55</b>	114.774	101.750	6.000	100.000	98.280	98.280	10.978
<b>1456-60</b>	110.500	97.961	6.000	100.000	102.082	102.082	11.403
<b>1451-65</b>	114.489	101.497	6.000	100.000	98.525	98.525	11.005
<b>1466-70</b>	115.869	102.720	6.000	100.000	97.352	97.352	10.874
<b>1471-75</b>	108.370	96.072	6.000	100.000	104.088	104.088	11.627
<b>1476-80</b>	104.529	92.667	6.000	100.000	107.913	107.913	12.054
<b>1481-85</b>	136.921	121.383	6.000	100.000	82.384	82.384	9.202
<b>1486-90</b>	114.232	101.269	6.000	100.000	98.747	98.747	11.030
<b>1491-95</b>	115.671	102.545	6.000	100.000	97.518	97.518	10.893
<b>1496-1500</b>	111.152	98.538	6.000	100.000	101.483	101.483	11.336
<b>1501-05</b>	120.005	106.386	6.000	100.000	93.997	93.997	10.500
<b>1506-10</b>	118.499	105.052	6.000	100.000	95.191	95.191	10.633
<b>1511-15</b>	119.584	106.014	6.000	100.000	94.327	94.327	10.537
<b>1516-20</b>	139.678	123.827	6.000	100.000	80.758	80.758	9.021

5 Year Means	Total Value of PBH Basket in d ster	PBH Prices Consumer Price Index Munro version	Master Nominal Day Wage in d. for a	Master Mason: Nominal Wage Index <b>1451-75=100</b> [= 6d. daily]	Master Mason: Real Wage Index (Munro) <b>1451-75=100</b>	Index Numbers	Master RWI No. of Baskets Consumed in one year <b>1451-75=100</b>	Master RWI No. of Baskets Consumed in one year (210 days)
	Arithmetic mean	Arithmetic mean	Arithmetic mean	Arithmetic mean	Harmonic mean	Harmonic mean	Harmonic mean	Harmonic mean

**Sources:**

(1) Prices:

Archives of the British Library of Economic and Political Science (LSE), The Phelps Brown Papers, BOX Ia: 324

(2) Wages:

Phelps Brown, E. Henry; and Sheila V. Hopkins, 'Seven Centuries of Building Wages', *Economica*, 22:87 (August 1955), 195-206, reprinted in Henry Phelps Brown and Sheila Hopkins, *A Perspective of Wages and Prices* (London: Methuen, 1981), pp. 1- 12.

Table 9

## Nominal and Real Wages of Building Labourers (Journeymen) in the Small Towns of SE England:

in pence and index numbers: in quinquennial means, 1266-70 to 1516-20:

mean of 1451-75 = 100

Years Five-Year Means	Labourer	Labourer's	Mason Labourer	Mason Labourer	Master RWI	Labourer RWI
	Nominal	Wage as	Nominal	Real Wage	No. of Baskets	No. of Baskets
	Day Wage in d.	Percent of Master	1451-75 = 100	Index (Munro)	Consumed in one year (210 days)	Consumed in one year (210 days)
	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Harmonic	Harmonic	Harmonic
<b>1266-70</b>	1.500	50.00%	37.500	44.196	6.582	3.291
<b>1271-75</b>	1.500	50.00%	37.500	35.467	5.282	2.641
<b>1276-80</b>	1.500	50.00%	37.500	37.491	5.584	2.792
<b>1281-85</b>	1.500	50.00%	37.500	35.652	5.310	2.655
<b>1286-90</b>	1.500	50.00%	37.500	45.758	6.815	3.407
<b>1291-95</b>	1.500	50.00%	37.500	35.587	5.300	2.650
<b>1296-1300</b>	1.500	50.00%	37.500	37.393	5.569	2.785
<b>1301-05</b>	1.650	50.00%	41.250	44.786	6.670	3.335
<b>1306-10</b>	1.800	50.00%	45.000	43.478	6.475	3.238
<b>1311-15</b>	2.000	50.00%	50.000	45.272	6.743	3.371
<b>1316-20</b>	2.000	50.00%	50.000	32.350	4.818	2.409
<b>1321-25</b>	2.000	50.00%	50.000	38.254	5.697	2.849
<b>1326-30</b>	2.000	50.00%	50.000	47.750	7.112	3.556
<b>1331-35</b>	2.000	50.00%	50.000	45.826	6.825	3.413
<b>1336-40</b>	1.800	50.00%	45.000	51.019	7.482	3.741
<b>1341-45</b>	1.500	50.00%	37.500	43.843	6.530	3.265
<b>1346-50</b>	1.500	50.00%	37.500	37.476	5.582	2.791
<b>1351-55</b>	1.800	50.00%	45.000	34.914	5.200	2.600
<b>1356-60</b>	2.600	56.22%	65.000	54.039	7.217	4.024
<b>1361-65</b>	3.000	60.00%	75.000	54.357	6.746	4.048
<b>1366-70</b>	3.000	60.00%	75.000	54.961	6.821	4.093
<b>1371-75</b>	3.000	0.600	75.000	58.895	7.310	4.386
<b>1376-80</b>	3.000	0.600	75.000	68.249	8.471	5.082
<b>1381-85</b>	3.000	0.600	75.000	66.260	8.224	4.934
<b>1386-90</b>	3.000	0.600	75.000	74.087	9.195	5.517
<b>1391-95</b>	3.000	0.600	75.000	72.148	8.955	5.373

Years Five-Year Means	Labourer Nominal Day Wage in d.	Labourer's Wage as Percent of Master	Mason Labourer Nominal Wage Index <b>1451-75 = 100</b> [= 4d. daily] Arithmetic	Mason Labourer Real Wage Index (Munro) <b>1451-75 = 100</b> Harmonic	Master RWI No. of Baskets Consumed in one year (210 days) Harmonic	Labourer RWI No. of Baskets Consumed in one year (210 days) Harmonic
	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Harmonic	Harmonic	Harmonic
<b>1396-1400</b>	3.000	0.600	75.000	67.782	8.413	5.048
<b>1401-05</b>	3.200	0.627	80.000	70.065	8.395	5.218
<b>1406-10</b>	3.800	0.655	95.000	86.562	9.843	6.446
<b>1411-15</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	92.369	10.318	6.879
<b>1416-20</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	88.030	9.833	6.555
<b>1421-25</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	96.395	10.767	7.178
<b>1426-30</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	88.802	9.919	6.613
<b>1431-35</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	91.801	10.236	6.824
<b>1436-40</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	80.504	8.992	5.995
<b>1441-45</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	108.022	12.066	8.044
<b>1446-50</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	98.774	11.033	7.356
<b>1451-55</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	98.280	10.978	7.319
<b>1456-60</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	102.082	11.403	7.602
<b>1461-65</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	98.525	11.005	7.337
<b>1466-70</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	97.352	10.874	7.250
<b>1471-75</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	104.088	11.627	7.751
<b>1476-80</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	107.913	12.054	8.036
<b>1481-85</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	82.384	9.202	6.135
<b>1486-90</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	98.747	11.030	7.353
<b>1491-95</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	97.518	10.893	7.262
<b>1496-1500</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	101.483	11.336	7.557
<b>1501-05</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	93.997	10.500	7.000
<b>1506-10</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	95.191	10.633	7.089
<b>1511-15</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	94.327	10.537	7.024
<b>1516-20</b>	4.000	0.667	100.000	80.758	9.021	6.014

**Sources:**

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(2) Wages: Phelps Brown, E. Henry; and Sheila V. Hopkins, 'Seven Centuries of Building Wages', *Economica*, 22:87 (August 1955), 195-206, reprinted in Henry Phelps Brown and Sheila Hopkins, *A Perspective of Wages and Prices* (London: Methuen, 1981), pp. 1- 12.

Table 10

**Basket of Consumables Price Index for Flanders (Bruges and Ghent)**  
**Mean of 1451-75 = 100**

values in d. groot Flemish

Year	Basket Consumables	Grains Group Index	Dairy Group Index	Textiles Group Index	Commodity Basket Index
	Total Value in d groot Flemish	1451-75= 100 56.354d groot Flemish	1451-75= 100 44.665d groot Flemish	1451-75= 100 25.276d groot Flemish	1451-75= 100 126.295d groot Flemish
<b>1349-50</b>	63.868	62.076	46.777	31.624	50.571
<b>1351-55</b>	76.593	68.466	63.048	38.968	60.646
<b>1356-60</b>	110.558	102.100	93.151	45.160	87.540
<b>1361-65</b>	119.255	108.636	98.228	56.023	94.425
<b>1366-70</b>	135.641	126.994	101.825	73.568	107.401
<b>1371-75</b>	145.519	121.901	112.359	105.388	115.222
<b>1376-80</b>	141.024	105.597	121.366	108.038	111.662
<b>1381-85</b>	150.534	110.799	135.714	108.711	119.193
<b>1386-90</b>	157.514	132.745	122.655	110.470	124.719
<b>1391-95</b>	111.784	82.803	99.235	82.282	88.510
<b>1396-00</b>	113.407	92.733	92.132	79.118	89.796
<b>1401-05</b>	111.810	95.190	80.675	87.565	88.531
<b>1406-10</b>	132.939	115.682	91.056	107.127	105.261
<b>1411-15</b>	120.370	93.652	92.417	104.114	95.309
<b>1416-20</b>	135.616	110.755	104.677	104.636	107.381
<b>1421-25</b>	141.680	112.756	114.392	106.998	112.182
<b>1426-30</b>	148.741	122.830	114.511	112.262	117.773
<b>1431-35</b>	155.989	132.917	115.130	117.353	123.512
<b>1436-40</b>	177.022	172.289	109.153	123.350	140.166
<b>1441-45</b>	143.350	111.205	113.067	119.403	113.504
<b>1446-50</b>	138.904	107.703	110.051	114.952	109.984
<b>1451-55</b>	127.434	95.302	102.660	110.282	100.902
<b>1456-60</b>	148.845	131.873	107.281	105.288	117.855
<b>1461-65</b>	112.030	83.052	90.737	97.721	88.705
<b>1466-70</b>	121.900	93.351	101.206	95.304	96.520
<b>1471-75</b>	121.264	96.422	98.116	91.406	96.017
<b>1476-80</b>	148.034	125.644	118.347	96.410	117.213
<b>1481-85</b>	198.097	198.728	131.927	107.537	156.853

Year	Basket Consumables	Grains Group Index	Dairy Group Index	Textiles Group Index	Commodity Basket Index
	Total Value in d groot Flemish	1451-75= 100 56.354d groot Flemish	1451-75= 100 44.665d groot Flemish	1451-75= 100 25.276d groot Flemish	1451-75= 100 126.295d groot Flemish
<b>1486-90</b>	233.028	190.773	187.098	165.979	184.511
<b>1491-95</b>	183.104	156.841	122.174	158.841	144.981
<b>1496-00</b>	126.617	82.119	93.309	152.966	100.255

Table 10, continued

**Basket of Consumables Price Index for Flanders (Bruges and Ghent)**  
**Mean of 1451-75 = 100**  
**values in d. groot Flemish**

Years (5 yr)	Commodity Basket Index 1451-75= 100 126.295d groot Flemish	Grains as per cent of total basket by value	Dairy as per cent of total basket by value	Textiles as per cent of total basket by value	Ratio of Dairy to Grain Price Indices 1451-75=100 means	Ratio of Textile to Grain Price Indices 1451-75=100 means
<b>1349-50</b>	50.571	54.77%	32.71%	12.52%	75.37	50.93
<b>1351-55</b>	60.646	50.37%	36.77%	12.86%	95.55	58.99
<b>1356-60</b>	87.540	52.04%	37.63%	10.32%	91.13	44.72
<b>1361-65</b>	94.425	51.34%	36.79%	11.87%	93.72	55.54
<b>1366-70</b>	107.401	52.76%	33.53%	13.71%	81.49	59.15
<b>1371-75</b>	115.222	47.21%	34.49%	18.31%	93.76	88.96
<b>1376-80</b>	111.662	42.20%	38.44%	19.36%	115.57	102.99
<b>1381-85</b>	119.193	41.48%	40.27%	18.25%	122.81	98.43
<b>1386-90</b>	124.719	47.49%	34.78%	17.73%	92.89	84.45
<b>1391-95</b>	88.510	41.74%	39.65%	18.60%	123.49	101.82
<b>1396-00</b>	89.796	46.08%	36.29%	17.63%	99.96	85.95
<b>1401-05</b>	88.531	47.98%	32.23%	19.79%	87.55	94.68
<b>1406-10</b>	105.261	49.04%	30.59%	20.37%	82.70	97.45
<b>1411-15</b>	95.309	43.84%	34.29%	21.86%	98.30	112.14
<b>1416-20</b>	107.381	46.02%	34.48%	19.50%	106.56	104.71
<b>1421-25</b>	112.182	44.85%	36.06%	19.09%	102.14	96.03
<b>1426-30</b>	117.773	46.54%	34.39%	19.08%	93.53	91.72
<b>1431-35</b>	123.512	48.02%	32.97%	19.02%	90.37	91.42
<b>1436-40</b>	140.166	54.85%	27.54%	17.61%	71.80	84.36
<b>1441-45</b>	113.504	43.72%	35.23%	21.05%	104.14	111.45
<b>1446-50</b>	109.984	43.70%	35.39%	20.92%	104.57	110.16
<b>1451-55</b>	100.902	42.14%	35.98%	21.87%	107.58	115.77
<b>1456-60</b>	117.855	49.93%	32.19%	17.88%	84.70	82.21
<b>1461-65</b>	88.705	41.78%	36.18%	22.05%	112.77	122.47
<b>1466-70</b>	96.520	43.16%	37.08%	19.76%	108.80	102.27
<b>1471-75</b>	96.017	44.81%	36.14%	19.05%	103.03	96.20
<b>1476-80</b>	117.213	47.83%	35.71%	16.46%	94.50	79.81
<b>1481-85</b>	156.853	56.53%	29.75%	13.72%	76.10	69.62

<b>Years (5 yr)</b>	<b>Commodity Basket Index 1451-75=</b> <b>100</b> <b>126.295d</b> <b>groot Flemish</b>	<b>Grains as per cent of total basket by value</b>	<b>Dairy as per cent of total basket by value</b>	<b>Textiles as per cent of total basket by value</b>	<b>Ratio of Dairy to Grain Price Indices 1451-75=100 means</b>	<b>Ratio of Textile to Grain Price Indices 1451-75=100 means</b>
<b>1486-90</b>	184.511	46.14%	35.86%	18.00%	97.71	85.49
<b>1491-95</b>	144.981	48.27%	29.80%	21.93%	84.17	122.55
<b>1496-00</b>	100.255	36.55%	32.92%	30.54%	116.82	191.97

Sources: Verlinden, Scholliers, and Craeybeckx (1959-65); Stadsarchief Gent, Stadsrekeningen, Reeks 400; Munro (2002a).

**Table 11**

**Wages of Master Building Craftsmen and their Journeymen in Bruges  
in pence (d) groot Flemish and in Flemish commodity baskets  
with Consumer Price, Nominal Wage, and Real Wage Indexes (1451-75=100)**

Year	Basket	Commodity	Wages of Master	Bruges	Bruges	Real Wage
	Consumables	Basket	Building	Nominal Wage	Real Wage Index	in Commodity
	Total Value	Wages of Master	Craftsmen	Index	Index	Baskets
	in d	Price Index	in Bruges in d gr.	Mean Mode	1451-75=100	Annual: 210 days
	groot	1451-75=100	Best estimate of	1451-75=100		
		126.295d	median wage	[11d groot Flem]	harmonic mean	harmonic mean
		groot	Flemish			
<b>1349-50</b>	63.868	50.571	5.000	45.455	89.884	16.440
<b>1351-55</b>	76.593	60.646	5.200	47.273	77.572	14.188
<b>1356-60</b>	110.558	87.540	6.000	54.545	62.309	11.397
<b>1361-65</b>	119.255	94.425	6.850	62.273	65.366	11.956
<b>1366-70</b>	135.641	107.401	8.000	72.727	67.716	12.386
<b>1371-75</b>	145.519	115.222	8.000	72.727	63.120	11.545
<b>1376-80</b>	141.024	111.662	8.800	80.000	70.520	12.898
<b>1381-85</b>	150.534	119.193	8.800	80.000	65.898	12.053
<b>1386-90</b>	157.514	124.719	10.867	98.788	77.375	14.152
<b>1391-95</b>	111.784	88.510	9.000	81.818	92.439	16.908
<b>1396-00</b>	113.407	89.796	9.850	89.545	99.731	18.241
<b>1401-05</b>	111.810	88.531	10.000	90.909	102.687	18.782
<b>1406-10</b>	132.939	105.261	10.000	90.909	86.366	15.797
<b>1496-00</b>	120.370	95.309	10.000	90.909	95.384	17.446
<b>1416-20</b>	135.616	107.381	10.000	90.909	84.660	15.485
<b>1421-25</b>	141.680	112.182	10.000	90.909	81.037	14.822
<b>1426-30</b>	148.741	117.773	10.000	90.909	77.190	14.118
<b>1431-35</b>	155.989	123.512	10.800	98.182	79.378	14.519
<b>1436-40</b>	177.022	140.166	11.000	100.000	71.344	13.049
<b>1441-45</b>	143.350	113.504	11.000	100.000	88.102	16.114
<b>1446-50</b>	138.904	109.984	11.000	100.000	90.922	16.630
<b>1451-55</b>	127.434	100.902	11.000	100.000	99.106	18.127
<b>1456-60</b>	148.845	117.855	11.000	100.000	84.850	15.519
<b>1461-65</b>	112.030	88.705	11.000	100.000	112.733	20.619
<b>1466-70</b>	121.900	96.520	11.000	100.000	103.605	18.950
<b>1471-75</b>	121.264	96.017	11.000	100.000	104.148	19.049
<b>1476-80</b>	148.034	117.213	11.000	100.000	85.315	15.605

Year	Basket Consumables	Commodity Basket	Wages of Master Building Craftsmen in Bruges in d gr. Best estimate of median wage	Bruges Nominal Wage Index	Bruges Real Wage Index	Real Wage in Commodity Baskets
	Total Value in d groot	Price Index 1451-75=100 126.295d groot Flemish		Mean Mode 1451-75=100 [11d groot Flem]	1451-75=100 harmonic mean	Annual: 210 days harmonic mean
<b>1481-85</b>	198.097	156.853	11.000	100.000	63.754	11.661
<b>1486-90</b>	233.028	184.511				
<b>1491-95</b>	183.104	144.981				
<b>1496-00</b>	126.617	100.255				

**sources:** See sources for Table 5; and also Stadsarchief Brugge, Stadsrekeningen, 1350/51 to 1475/76; and Sosson (1977, pp. 225-32; Tables 13-15, pp. 301-03).

Table 12

## Comparison of Real Wages for Building Workers in England and the Low Countries,

in terms of ‘baskets of consumables’ purchased with annual money-wage incomes  
 in quinquennial means, with harmonic means, 1311-15 to 1496-1500:  
 with index numbers (RWI = NWI/CPI) based on the mean of: 1451-75 = 100

Years	ENGLAND Oxford-Cambridge Master Masons Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (210 days employment)	ENGLAND Oxford-Cambridge Masons' Labourers Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (210 days employment)	FLANDERS Bruges-Ghent Master Masons Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (210 days employment)	FLANDERS Bruges-Ghent Journeymen Masons Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (210 days employment)	FLANDERS Bruges Policemen Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (365 days employment)
1311-15	6.743	3.371			
1316-20	4.818	2.409			
1321-25	5.697	2.849			
1326-30	7.112	3.556			
1331-35	6.825	3.413			
1336-40	7.482	3.741			
1341-45	6.530	3.265			
1346-50	5.582	2.791	16.440	8.220	13.723
1351-55	5.200	2.600	14.188	7.094	14.296
1356-60	7.217	4.024	11.397	5.698	12.525
1361-65	6.746	4.048	11.956	5.978	14.434
1366-70	6.821	4.093	12.386	6.193	13.455
1371-75	7.310	4.386	11.545	5.772	12.541
1376-80	8.471	5.082	12.898	6.449	13.366
1381-85	8.224	4.934	12.053	6.027	14.548
1386-90	9.195	5.517	14.152	7.076	13.904
1391-95	8.955	5.373	16.908	8.454	19.591
1396-1400	8.413	5.048	18.241	9.121	17.283
1401-05	8.395	5.218	18.782	9.391	16.322
1406-10	9.843	6.446	15.797	7.898	13.728
1411-15	10.318	6.879	17.446	8.723	15.162
1416-20	9.833	6.555	15.485	7.742	13.457
1421-25	10.767	7.178	14.822	7.411	12.881
1426-30	9.919	6.613	14.118	7.059	12.270
1431-35	10.236	6.824	14.519	7.259	11.700

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 with index numbers (RWI = NWI/CPI) based on the mean of: 1451-75 = 100

<b>Years</b>	<b>ENGLAND</b> Oxford-Cambridge Master Masons Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (210 days employment)	<b>ENGLAND</b> Oxford-Cambridge Masons' Labourers Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (210 days employment)	<b>FLANDERS</b> Bruges-Ghent Master Masons Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (210 days employment)	<b>FLANDERS</b> Bruges-Ghent Journeymen Masons Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (210 days employment)	<b>FLANDERS</b> Bruges Policemen Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (365 days employment)
<b>1436-40</b>	8.992	5.995	13.049	6.525	10.309
<b>1441-45</b>	12.066	8.044	16.114	8.057	12.731
<b>1446-50</b>	11.033	7.356	16.630	8.315	13.139
<b>1451-55</b>	10.978	7.319	18.127	9.063	14.321
<b>1456-60</b>	11.403	7.602	15.519	7.760	12.261
<b>1461-65</b>	11.005	7.337	20.619	10.310	16.290
<b>1466-70</b>	10.874	7.250	18.950	9.475	14.971
<b>1471-75</b>	11.627	7.751	19.049	9.525	15.050
<b>1476-80</b>	12.054	8.036	15.605	7.802	12.328
<b>1481-85</b>	9.202	6.135	11.661	5.830	9.213
<b>1486-90</b>	11.030	7.353			
<b>1491-95</b>	10.893	7.262			
<b>1496-1500</b>	11.336	7.557			

**Table 12b**

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 with index numbers (RWI = NWI/CPI) based on the mean of: 1451-75 = 100

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Years	Ghent Journeymen Fullers Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (210 days employment)	Kortrijk Journeymen Fullers Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (210 days employment)	Small Towns Master Craftsmen Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (210 days employment) (summer wage)	Antwerp Master Masons Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (210 days employment) (summer-winter wage)	Antwerp Masons Labourers Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (210 days employment) (summer-winter wage)
<b>1351-55</b>		4.851			
<b>1356-60</b>		3.361			
<b>1361-65</b>		3.116			
<b>1366-70</b>		2.739			
<b>1371-75</b>	7.620	3.442			
<b>1376-80</b>	7.818	7.123			
<b>1381-85</b>	7.324	6.673			
<b>1386-90</b>	6.451	6.197			
<b>1391-95</b>	7.014	7.890			
<b>1396-1400</b>	6.913	7.777		9.741	4.546
<b>1401-05</b>	7.012	7.888		10.262	5.306
<b>1406-10</b>	5.897	6.635	11.163	9.881	4.940
<b>1411-15</b>	6.513	7.327	14.784	9.157	4.578
<b>1416-20</b>	5.781	6.854	12.863	8.410	4.205
<b>1421-25</b>	6.299	6.595	12.094	7.510	3.755
<b>1426-30</b>	6.589	6.432	12.373	6.763	3.382
<b>1431-35</b>		6.616	12.492	7.858	4.952
<b>1436-40</b>		5.536	10.857	6.840	4.385
<b>1441-45</b>		6.836	13.185	9.192	5.508
<b>1446-50</b>		7.055	13.506	10.203	5.952
<b>1451-55</b>			13.893	10.310	6.014
<b>1456-60</b>			10.025	8.868	5.173
<b>1461-65</b>			12.944	11.156	6.528
<b>1466-70</b>			12.222	10.480	6.113
<b>1471-75</b>				10.278	5.995
<b>1476-80</b>				8.418	4.911
<b>1481-85</b>				6.523	3.805
<b>1486-90</b>				6.316	3.736
<b>1491-95</b>				7.627	4.683
<b>1496-1500</b>				9.039	5.720

Table 13

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in quinquennial means, with harmonic means, 1311-15 to 1496-1500:  
with index numbers (RWI = NWI/CPI) based on the mean of: 1451-75 = 100**

Years	BRABANT Mechelen Master Masons	BRABANT Mechelen Master Carpenters	BRABANT Mechelen Master Masons OLV	BRABANT Mechelen OLV Masons Labourers	BRABANT Mechelen Common Labourers OLV
	Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (210 days employment) (summer-winter wage)				
1351-55					
1356-60					
1361-65					
1366-70					
1371-75					
1376-80					
1381-85					
1386-90					
1391-95					
1396-1400					
1401-05					
1406-10					
1411-15					
1416-20					
1421-25	9.513	9.262	7.510	4.694	2.816
1426-30	8.567	8.476	6.763	4.375	3.092
1431-35	8.947	8.572	7.435	5.296	3.754
1436-40	8.280	7.920	7.150	4.521	3.578
1441-45	9.847	9.847	9.409	6.100	5.326
1446-50	10.430	10.301	9.538	6.218	6.131
1451-55	10.539	10.310	9.213	5.238	5.456
1456-60	9.065	8.868	8.328	5.615	3.973
1461-65	11.404	11.156	11.404	7.603	5.133
1466-70	10.712	10.480	10.712	7.142	4.621

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with index numbers (RWI = NWI/CPI) based on the mean of: 1451-75 = 100**

Years	BRABANT Mechelen Master Masons	BRABANT Mechelen Master Carpenters	BRABANT Mechelen Master Masons OLV	BRABANT Mechelen OLV Masons Labourers	BRABANT Mechelen Common Labourers OLV
	Real Wage in commodity baskets per year (210 days employment) (summer-winter wage)				
<b>1471-75</b>	10.506	10.278	10.506	7.004	5.139
<b>1476-80</b>	8.605	8.605	8.605	5.737	4.209
<b>1481-85</b>	6.668	6.668	6.668	4.446	3.262
<b>1486-90</b>	6.099	5.966	5.966	3.977	2.918
<b>1491-95</b>	8.898	8.898	7.796	5.291	3.813
<b>1496-1500</b>	10.276	10.276	8.656	5.866	4.404

**Sources:** see sources for Table 1 - 5, and also *Algemeen Rijksarchief België, Rekenkamer, 33,147 - 33,238 (Kortrijk, 1393-1493), 38,635 - 38,722*; and John Munro, ‘Gold, Guilds, and Government: The Impact of Monetary and Labour Policies on the Flemish Cloth Industry, 1390-1435’, *Jaarboek voor middeleeuwse geschiedenis*, 5 (2002), 153 - 205.

Table 14.

**Silver and Gold Coinage Outputs of the Mints of France, Flanders/Burgundian Low Countries, and England  
in Kilograms of Pure Metal and in Constant Pounds Sterling Values  
in 25-Year Totals, 1346-70 to 1471-95**

Years	FRANCE		FLANDERS-BURGUNDIAN LOW COUNTRIES		ENGLAND with Calais		TOTAL
25 Year Totals	Silver (pure) in kilograms	Gold (pure) in kilograms	Silver (pure) in kilograms	Gold (pure) in kilograms	Silver (pure) in kilograms	Gold (pure) in kilograms	in Constant Pounds Sterling*
<b>1346-1370</b>	136,648	24,969	167,878	44,104	128,908	42,433	6,478,936
<b>1371-1395</b>	21,133	12,242	64,574	12,565	7,162	11,656	1,929,922
<b>1396-1420</b>	84,490	7,743	75,064	2,225	10,289	17,673	1,847,002
<b>1421-1445</b>	106,506	13,155	158,125	17,724	96,059	18,003	3,499,399
<b>1446-1470</b>	6,536	961	24,318	6,716	59,209	9,654	1,094,649
<b>1471-1495</b>	16,880	1,695	163,868	4,324	31,639	7,682	1,410,638
<b>Mean</b>	<b>62,032</b>	<b>10,128</b>	<b>108,971</b>	<b>14,610</b>	<b>55,544</b>	<b>17,850</b>	<b>2,710,091</b>

\* Combined values of a kilogram of pure gold and a kilogram of pure silver, based upon their corresponding values in English pounds sterling between 1351 and 1411, when the English coinage and mint prices remained unaltered.

a. Value of 1 kilogram of pure gold = £43.092 sterling.      b. Value of 1 kilogram of pure silver = £3.862 sterling

Sources: Harry A. Miskimin, *Money, Prices, and Foreign Exchange in Fourteenth-Century France* (New Haven, 1963); Harry A. Miskimin, *Money and Power in Fifteenth-Century France* (New Haven and London, 1984); John Munro, 'Bullion Flows and Monetary Contraction in Late-Medieval England and the Low Countries', in John Richards, ed., *Precious Metals in the Later Medieval and Early Modern Worlds* (Durham, North Carolina, 1983), pp. 97-158.

Silver Outputs from the Major South German-Central European Mines in kilograms of fine metal, in quinquennial means: 1471-75 to 1546-50								
Years	SAXONY Est. Total	THURINGIA Est. Total	BOHEMIA Joachimsthal	BOHEMIA Kutna Hora	SLOVAKIA Fugger- Kasperska Hora	HUNGARY Nagybanya	TYROL: Schwaz	TOTAL Estimated
	in kg.	in kg.	in kg.	in kg.	in kg.	in kg.	in kg.	in kg.
<b>1471-75</b>	4,360.94			4,500.00			4,112.50	12,973.44
<b>1476-80</b>	10,317.46			4,250.00			7,354.00	21,921.46
<b>1481-85</b>	3,743.30			4,000.00		1,800.00	9,745.80	19,289.10
<b>1486-90</b>	2,770.04			3,750.00		3,523.00	12,751.00	22,794.04
<b>1491-95</b>	3,757.33			3,500.00	1,957.12	3,523.00	12,422.75	25,160.21
<b>1496-00</b>	4,641.69			3,250.00	1,957.12	3,795.86	12,094.50	25,739.17
<b>1501-05</b>	8,979.23			3,000.00	2,870.47	4,068.70	11,766.25	30,684.65
<b>1506-10</b>	7,416.41	4,626.19		2,750.00	3,990.76	4,341.57	11,438.00	34,562.92
<b>1511-15</b>	6,925.10	5,713.42		2,500.00	3,632.11	4,614.43	11,109.75	34,494.81
<b>1516-20</b>	5,189.14	6,079.43	3,970.00	2,250.00	1,983.07	4,887.29	10,781.50	35,140.43
<b>1521-25</b>	3,701.18	6,301.73	9,703.24	2,000.00	2,486.46	5,160.14	10,453.25	39,806.00
<b>1526-30</b>	3,425.12	7,889.16	13,795.32	2,000.00	2,269.15	5,433.00	10,125.00	44,936.74
<b>1531-35</b>	6,663.07	6,300.90	16,554.81	2,000.00	2,269.15	5,433.00	10,125.00	49,345.92
<b>1536-40</b>	14,973.18	5,734.07	13,248.01	3,947.00	2,243.58	5,433.00	10,125.00	55,703.84
<b>1541-45</b>	7,739.26	6,144.00	10,936.85	3,997.00	2,141.55	5,433.00	9,963.49	46,355.16
<b>1546-50</b>	4,131.66	6,576.20	10,936.85	700.00	2,141.55	5,433.00	9,963.49	39,882.76

**Table 16:** Central European Copper Production and Exports: in Kilograms of Fine Copper  
with exports to Venice and Antwerp, in quinquennial means: 1491-95 to 1536-40

	Total Outputs Estimated in kg	Exports: Total kg	To Venice kg	To Venice Percent	To Antwerp kg	To Antwerp Percent
<b>1491-95</b>	1,980,746					
<b>1496-00</b>	2,704,948	1,390,392.34	446,742.23	32.13%	72,545.07	5.22%
<b>1501-05</b>	3,041,820	1,403,347.49	409,357.78	29.17%	453,686.44	32.33%
<b>1506-10</b>	4,770,333	1,627,846.98	184,642.02	11.34%	819,753.42	50.36%
<b>1511-15</b>	5,654,047	1,659,584.86	60,358.63	3.64%	968,521.36	58.36%
<b>1516-20</b>	5,203,097	1,388,953.66	29,544.60	2.13%	606,520.05	43.67%
<b>1521-25</b>	5,341,702	1,434,963.13	66,809.17	4.66%	488,633.13	34.05%
<b>1526-30</b>	5,275,248	1,062,740.62	54,876.61	5.16%	625,457.93	58.85%
<b>1531-35</b>	4,628,886	1,008,644.47	111,652.65	11.07%	543,443.92	53.88%
<b>1536-40</b>	4,336,708	1,207,783.75	150,543.95	12.46%	593,242.84	49.12%