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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. How was medieval farming organized and conducted in northern Europe:
 - (a) How did the Common and/or Open Field system operate?
 - (b) How did the two- and three-field systems operate?
 - (c) What were the relationships between arable and pastoral (livestock) farming; how did such relationships involve the Open Field system?
 - (d) What barriers to progress were inherent in these systems?
- 2. How, when, where, and why were new farming techniques of multiple crop rotation or intensive husbandry introduced into late-medieval and early-modern regions of the Low Countries?
- 3. What changes in farming techniques and in crops were introduced into England in this era, 1450-1650. Were they introduced because of enclosure? Was enclosure necessary for such new techniques? What was the significance of the following innovations:
 - (a) Convertible husbandry? What are its advantages over open-fields?
 - (b) Multiple crop rotations? How did they work; and how in particular did they lead to the elimination of the fallow? How were they related to convertible husbandry? How did the combination of the two resolve the traditional conflicts between arable and pasture?
 - (c) Floating Meadows: when, where, and how were they introduced?
 - (d) Chalking and marling: what are the differences?
 - (e) What new crops were introduced in early-modern England?
- 4. What factors do you believe were more powerful in promoting the adoption of new techniques, apart from Enclosures: price-cost changes, demographic factors, growth of urban markets? Did changes come more during periods of agrarian boom or agrarian recession? During periods of falling or of rising grain prices in particular?
- 5. Did some or all of the new farming techniques require enclosed large-scale farms: in the Low Countries; in England?
- 6. What were the social benefits and costs of the traditional open-field or common-field system of farming for the peasant tenants of a manorial village in the Tudor-Stuart era?
- 7. Where did enclosure take place in Tudor-Stuart England? In what types of counties? Was enclosure chiefly for pastoral (livestock) or arable farming? What counties were more likely to be enclosed for pasture? For arable farming?
- 8. What brought about Enclosures in Tudor England? Consider the following sets of factors:
 - a) demographic factors: population increases, or earlier population decline. Responses to over or under-population? If the latter, then why didn't enclosures occur earlier?
 - b) commercial factors: the expansion of the woollen cloth industry and trade; increased urban demands for foodstuffs, etc.
 - c) the inflationary consequences of the 'Price Revolution' in the 16th century: but see also

demographic factors in a, above.

- d) The 'Rise of the Gentry': according to the Tawney-Trevor Roper debates.
- e) Changes in economic and social attitudes.
- f) Other factors affecting land-tenures and land-ownership?
- 9. Were enclosures undertaken in Tudor-Stuart England more for arable (i.e. wheat), or for pasture (i.e. wool and livestock for meat), or for some mixture of the two? In what periods? Why?
- 10. Who undertook enclosures -- and who directed, operated, and operated engrossed and enclosed farms? Did tenants themselves undertake enclosures: peasants, 'yeomen', or gentry tenants? Did gentry and noble landholders who undertook enclosures operate the farms directly, or did they lease them to tenants who farmed them?
- 11. Who gained and who lost by enclosure? What are the chief <u>differences</u> in the social consequences that you would expect to find between enclosure of the commons and wastes, and engrossing and enclosure of the tenancy strips in the arable fields?
- 12. What is the difference between enclosing and engrossing; what are the differences in the economic and social consequences? Under what circumstances and in what type of agriculture would you expect engrossing and/or enclosure: (a) to displace labour, (b) to require additional labour.
- 13. Was 'depopulation' a serious consequence of Tudor-Stuart enclosures? In what periods? In what counties or areas of England in particular? How many appear to have been affected? Were there any rural revolts?
- 14. What types of peasants or farmers were most likely to be dispossessed by engrossing and enclosures, or to suffer significant losses of land and rights to the use of the commons: freeholders, copyholders by inheritance, copyholders for 'lives' [three 'lives' or generations], copyholders for life, copyholders at will, cottagers. Answer this question also in terms of: tenants-in-chief and those large tenants who hired servants and labourers; those tenants who hired a few 'servants' to supplement family labour; those tenants who relied just on the labour of the family; those who hired themselves or members of their family out as servants and labourers to other farmers; those who had industrial by-employment (e.g. in textiles).
- 15. Who were the cottagers? What were their economic functions and social status? What rights did they have under traditional manorialism? What happened to them during the Tudor-Stuart enclosure movement?
- 16. What happened to those who were dispossessed by engrossing and enclosure in this era? Consider the following possibilities: hired agricultural labourers; part-time or full time employment in rural industries (textile, mining, metallurgy, etc.); emigration to the towns for employment in industry or commerce, etc.; vagabondage.
- 17. In what ways did enclosure increase agricultural productivity, apart from direct gains from the new techniques? In what ways, directly and indirectly, did enclosure contribute to the economic development of Tudor-Stuart England?
- 18. Who 'captured the rent' (economic rent) on common or open-field lands, within manorial

jurisdiction? Who 'captured the rent' on enclosed land? To the extent that economic rents increased on enclosed lands, how were those gains in fact shared between landlord and tenants? Did the latter benefit at all from enclosure, in this respect?

- 19. Which provided more efficient farming: open-field or enclosed lands? Were enclosures 'necessary' for agrarian improvements and economic advancement?
- 20. In particular, were enclosures either necessary or desirable for the diffusion/implementation of technological changes, more advanced crop rotations, convertible husbandry, floating meadows, etc. For the application of greater amounts of capital?
- 21. Why did common or open field farming persist for so long in England? What advantages did it retain (economically and socially) into the early-modern period? Why did this system give way to enclosures? Did such conversions involve coercion, force, or willing agreement by tenants? Or did it involve all three, according to the type of land subject to enclosure, the region, and the time period?

APPENDIX A: <u>LANDLORDS, PEASANTS, AND TENANTS</u> in English Agriculture, 15th to 18th Centuries

A. THE YEOMANRY: PEASANT FREEHOLDERS

- The wealthier peasants (with their own plough-teams) who either owned their lands outright, or, more commonly, rented them, with unconditional rights of inheritance, for nominal cash 'quitrents' -- so that they were free of any other obligations to the landlord. By statute law, from the 1440s, those freeholders holding land worth 40s. or more a year were entitled to sit on royal Common Law juries and to elect members of Parliament (House of Commons).

- According to Mingay, their share of English agricultural land rose from 20% of the total in 1436 to 27% in 1690; and many of them managed to rise into the Gentry.

B. YEOMEN AND PEASANT LEASEHOLDERS:

- Generally not a separate or distinct social class, but a group including yeomen, other free peasants, and peasants of servile ancestry, all of whom rented or leased manorial **domain** (demesne) lands by a written lease or mutually agreed upon rental contract, specifying the money rent and other conditions of rental for a fixed number of years.

- For most though not all of these leaseholders, the lands so held were in addition to their other lands. Leasehold lands could revert to the landlord at the expiry of the lease, especially if a new rental could not be negotiated.

- Increasingly the leaseholders comprised those who rented lands that had been enclosed by landlords, and withdrawn from the manorial open/common field systems.

C. COPYHOLDERS OR CUSTOMARY TENANTS

- **Copyholders** or **customary tenants** were those peasants within the manorial system whose 'tenure was by copy of the manorial court roll according to the custom of the manor.'

- These were peasant tenants who held lands that were once considered servile, lands that had

owed servile obligations; and most of these peasants probably had servile ancestries.

- Their tenancies were normally in the form of scattered, intermingled strips in the open arable fields, with rights to use the village Commons and meadowlands.

- While their servile ancestors had virtually guaranteed rights of inheritance that accompanied their bondage ('bond men'), either to the lord or to his estate, the property rights of their sons, though normally only the eldest son, had always been conditional upon the payment of inheritance taxes: entry fines and heriots, paid by the heir on succeeding to the father's tenancy.

- With the gradual decay of English serfdom, many peasants gained more and more personal freedom at the expense of their implicit inheritance and property rights, so that we find the following categories of customary tenants in early-modern England:

- **Customary tenants with unconditional inheritance rights**: these were very few in number, but with property rights almost as secure as those of freeholders; and it was virtually impossible to evict them (though they could be 'bought out'). They generally owned their own plough teams; and frequently they were amongst those actively engrossing and enclosing.

- **Customary Tenants for 'three lives'**: their inheritance rights (still conditional upon paying entry fines) were customarily guaranteed only for three generations: from father to son to grandson. But in many counties, a 'customary life' came to be defined as seven years, so that a tenant holding copyhold for three lives had secure property rights for only 21 years.

- **Customary Tenants for 'two lives' and those 'for life':** with tenancies and inheritance rights defined as above. For some that meant a full lifetime of secure property -- for themselves and their eldest son, if for 'two lives'. But for others, secure tenure was guaranteed for only 14 or 7 years.

- Customary Tenants 'at will': those smallholders descended from the lower servile strata,

with almost no security of property rights and inheritance, though inheritance rights would normally be granted, subject of course to entry fines, which were generally much more arbitrary than those imposed on other copyholders. They generally lacked ploughs and plough teams. Of the copyholders, these were the easiest to evict with enclosures, both in Tudor times and in the 18th century.

D. COTTAGERS OR 'COTTARS'

- these were small peasants, without ploughs, who derived a good part of their income from wages: as hired agricultural labourers or as industrial workers, especially in textiles.

- Of both servile and free origin, many of them descendent from landless labourers, they accounted for perhaps 30% of population of the Midlands, from the 13th to 18th centuries. They generally held only a few tenancy strips in Open Fields, but had enjoyed free access to Village Commons.

- They were generally the first to be squeezed out by enclosure of the village Commons; and they were certainly by far the easiest to dispossess in all subsequent enclosures. Their fate was to become a true agricultural proletariat.

APPENDIX B: ON WOOL PRICES, CLOTH EXPORTS, AND ENCLOSURES:

<u>A Reply to Cohen and Weitzman's 'Refutation' of the Wool-Based Theories on Tudor</u> <u>Enclosures</u>:

In two articles published in 1975, Jon Cohen and Martin Weitzman attack the thesis that 'Tudor enclosures were a response to a rise in the demand for wool' [as argued by Tawney, Bowden, Ramsay, etc.], by stating that:¹

A major problem with the wool trade explanation is that the price data simply do not support the argument. If the analysis were correct, we would expect the price of wool to rise relative to the price of grain. On close inspection of the available data we can find no systematic difference in the trend of wool and grain prices between 1450 and 1550. If anything, the price of wool declines relative to the price of grain. The data so blatantly contradict the standard analysis that it is difficult to understand how it has managed to maintain such general acceptance.

And in their footnote (n. 62, p. 318) that state that: 'a regression was run of the form Pw/Pg = a + but for the 101 years from 1450 to 1550 where Pw is the price of wool, Pg is the price of grain, and t is time. The coefficient b was negative with a t-statistic greater than three.' Their data were based on tables I and V in Bowden's statistical appendix in Thirsk (1967).

My Response: Apart from their failure to distinguish between the earlier (1460-1530) and later enclosures (1580-1615), they have adopted a method that, in my view, is deficient both in approach and its argument, explicit and implicit. In ascending order of importance:

i) **their use of time-series regression analysis was invalid**: in trying to interpret the behaviour of those engaging in enclosure in the later 15th century on the basis of a times series half of whose data came from the subsequent period, i.e. the first half of the sixteenth century. In any event, it is absurd to regress price changes against time for a full century and then expect to find a statistically significant trend line.

¹Jon Cohen and Martin Weitzman, 'A Marxian Model of Enclosures,' *Journal of Development Economics*, 1 (1975), 287-336; and also their 'Enclosure and Depopulation: A Marxian Analysis,' in W.M. Parker and E.L. Jones, eds., *European Peasants and Their Markets* (Princeton, 1975), pp. 161-76. ii) had they regressed the price data for the period 1450-99, i.e. just for the second half of the 15th century when the major enclosures evidently took place, they would have found an entirely different result: Y = Pw/Pg (1450-99) = a + but = 0.9327 + 0.0049 (with R = 0.1211)

And even more favourable results can be obtained for shorter periods, before 1500, as in the accompanying table.

iii) **The price data are, in any event, not really relevant to the issue of Tudor Enclosures in the Midlands district**: i.e. concerning the issue of converting arable to pasture in this region, because they are not from the Midlands: the grain data are heavily weighted by Exeter wheat prices (i.e. from Devonshire, in the South-West); and the wool prices are entirely from the Bishopric of Durham in the North-East. Obviously for any such regression to have validity it must involve grain and wool prices in the specific districts of the Midlands that underwent enclosure primarily to provide more pasture land for wool production: i.e. Leicestershire, Northants., Warwick, Worcester, Hunts., Bedfordshire, etc

iv) Their wool-price data are even less relevant, furthermore, because:

(1) Durham wools were amongst the very worst produced in England -- only Cornish wools were worse: Durham wools, exempted from the Staple, were normally not exported (except occasionally to Zealand, to be made into cheap cloths for the poorer classes); and

(2) they were certainly never used to make the medium to fine quality woollens that constituted the bulk of English cloth exports in this era.

v) Otherwise, I would make the following observations to respond to the Cohen-Weitzman challenges to the traditional market model:

(1) That price changes over time reflect more and more the consequences of such changes (i.e. the evident shift from arable to pasture).

(2) Production decisions and decisions on land utilization are based just as much on changes in factor costs, and relative factor costs, as in changes in relative prices of alternative products being produced.

vi) Subsequently, of course, from the later 16th century we find the slow diffusion of convertible husbandry, which expanded both livestock production (including wool) and grains -- so that they were more and more joint products, i.e. less and less alternative products in enclosures.

vii) But again, in analysing enclosures, one must be very careful to distinguish between the periods and regions of enclosures.

viii) Finally, the suggestion that enclosures caused the woollen cloth trade boom is absurd: that export boom was largely produced by external trading factors, involving South Germany and the Low Countries especially (as I have tried to outline briefly above: more on foreign trade below).

Regressions of Bowden's Grain and Wool Price Data

Linear Regression Wool Prices/Grain Prices against time:

$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{w}/\mathbf{P}\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{t}$

Pw = Price of Wools (in the Bishopric of Durham)

Pg = Price of Grains (Wheat, Rye, Barley, Oats) dominated by Exeter wheat

 \mathbf{T} = time in years, from 1450 to 1519 (1450-99 = price index base 100)

Decade	a	b	R	\mathbf{R}^2
	<u>(intercept)</u>	(slope)		
1450-59	0.7149	0.0307	0.5414	0.2931
1460-69	1.1563	0.0005	0.0034	0.00001
1470-79	1.0970	-0.0052	-0.1020	0.0104
1480-89	0.9151	0.0250	0.3415	0.1166
1490-99	0.9314	0.0166	0.2608	0.0680
1500-09	0.6066	0.0556	0.7623	0.5811
1510-19	1.0986	-0.0110	-0.2766	0.0765
1450-69	0.7510	0.0268	0.4413	0.1221
1450-79	0.8724	0.0108	0.3103	0.0963
1450-89	0.9327	0.0049	0.2017	0.0407
1450-99	0.9695	0.0022	0.1211	0.0147
1450-1509	1.0191	-0.0008	-0.0518	0.0027
1450-1519	1.0025	0.0000	0.0024	0.0000

Table 1. THE POPULATION OF ENGLAND (AND WALES)						
	Quinquennia Generalised	01				
Year	Englandwith WalesEngland: Life Intrinsic				Crude Birth	Crude Death
1 (41	Population	Population			Rate/1000	Rate/1000
		in millions	at Birth	Rate	England only	
1541	2.830	3.031	33.94	0.92	37.17	30.34
1546	2.908	3.115	38.82	1.42	37.88	25.98
1551	3.065		39.59	1.31	35.62	24.82
1556	3.213		22.38	-1.17	30.24	40.16
1561	3.036	3.251	36.66	0.97	37.06	26.70
1566	3.174	3.398	39.67	0.91	34.16	24.21
1571	3.310	3.545	41.06	0.77	32.37	22.73
1576	3.448	3.692	41.56	1.02	34.20	22.43
1581	3.631	3.889	42.70	1.27	34.12	21.56
1586	3.841	4.113	37.05	0.75	32.09	25.70
1591	3.938	4.217	38.05	0.81	32.12	24.75
1596	4.057	4.344	37.82	0.63	31.50	24.95
1601	4.162	4.457	38.53	0.75	33.24	24.77
1606	4.310	4.616	39.59	0.76	33.05	24.07
1611	4.476	4.793	36.79	0.41	31.60	26.14
1616	4.568	4.892	40.31	0.81	32.30	23.37
1621	4.745	5.081	33.39	0.11	30.91	28.85
1626	4.762	5.099	39.69	0.74	31.81	23.68
1631	4.926	5.275	39.72	0.71	31.66	23.80
1636	5.090	5.450	34.03	0.18	31.47	28.59
1641	5.130	5.494	36.32	0.43	31.97	26.79
1646	5.231	5.602	39.74	0.29	27.79	23.63
1651	5.308	5.684	39.14	0.31	28.55	24.22
1656	5.391	5.773	33.04	-0.60	25.74	28.68
1661	5.280	5.654	33.27	-0.38	28.22	28.92
1666	5.229	5.600	32.48	-0.47	28.53	30.03
1671	5.159	5.524	37.41	-0.04	28.40	26.25
1676	5.185	5.552	32.40	0.39	28.91	30.75

Year	England	with Wales	England: Life	Intrinsic	Crude Birth	Crude Death
	Population	Population	Expectancy	Growth	Rate/1000	Rate/1000
	in millions	in millions	at Birth	Rate	England only	England only
1681	5.109	5.471	31.27	-0.26	30.32	32.14
1686	5.036	5.393	35.93	0.47	31.87	28.56
1691	5.094	5.455	36.35	0.42	30.05	28.06
1696	5.118	5.481	38.06	0.71	31.25	26.67
1701	5.211	5.580	38.47	0.83	32.06	26.39
1706	5.334	5.712	38.50	0.45	28.48	25.67
1711	5.382	5.764	36.89	0.34	29.47	26.77
1716	5.428	5.813	35.75	0.38	31.65	27.91
1721	5.503	5.893	35.49	0.39	32.80	28.21
1726	5.602	5.999	25.34	-0.95	31.16	36.99
1731	5.414	5.798	36.34	0.58	35.13	27.46
1736	5.599	5.996	35.26	0.46	33.79	28.47
1741	5.723	6.129	34.27	0.24	31.71	28.78
1746	5.782	6.191	36.47	0.62	32.68	27.02
1751	5.922	6.342	39.77	0.99	32.97	24.61
1756	6.149	6.584	38.12	0.75	31.87	25.82
1761	6.310	6.757	35.37	0.61	33.48	28.29
1766	6.449	6.906	36.19	0.68	33.88	27.69
1771	6.623	7.093	39.09	1.01	34.90	25.47
1776	6.913	7.403	37.74	0.99	35.76	26.57
1781	7.206	7.717	35.81	0.76	34.86	27.81
1786	7.434	7.960	38.97	1.25	36.89	25.23
1791	7.846	8.402	37.92	1.22	37.17	26.07
1796	8.256	8.841	38.93	1.15	35.51	24.82
1801	8.671	9.286	40.02	1.43	37.60	24.08
1806	9.232	9.887	40.58	1.52	37.90	23.68
1811	9.864	10.563	41.25	1.69	39.18	23.25
1816	10.628	11.381	40.84	<u>1.70</u>	39.48	23.54

Source:

E.A. Wrigley, R.S. Davies, J.E. Oeppen, and R.S. Schofield, *English Population History from Family Reconstitution, 1580- 1837* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997), Appendix 9, pp. 613-6. See also E.A. Wrigley and R.S. Schofield, *The Population History of England, 1541 - 1871: A Reconstruction* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 1980), pp. 528-29.

For the 19th and 20th centuries, ever since the first official census of 1801, British statistics usually present the population for England and Wales combined together. I have myself estimated the probable combined population of England and Wales by dividing their data for England alone (which omits the county of Monmouthshire, now part of Wales) by the constant: 0.93383. This ratio is indicated in the

latter Wrigley-Schofield (1980), on p. 557, as a note to their Table A5.3. All of the other data necessarily pertain to England alone; and you may prefer therefore to use just the English population data, omitting Wales.

Table 2.

<u>Price Levels and Price Trends in England, 1450-1749 Mean Price Indices*</u> and Mean Annual Rates of Price Changes, for 25-Year Periods.

Mean of Price Indices for 1451-1475 = 100 (Base)*

Quarter Century	Mean Price Index:* 1451-75=100	Mean Annual Percentage Change in Price Index	Standard Deviation (s.d.)	Coefficient of Variation (s.d./Mean)
1450-74	101.4	+0.08%	7.68	7.6
1475-99	104.6	+0.06%	18.52	17.7
1500-24	115.5	+1.47%	19.21	16.6
1525-49	168.8	+1.56%	29.57	17.5
1550-74	287.2	+0.20%	41.45	14.4
1575-99	401.6	+2.26%	94.71	23.6
1600-24	505.3	+0.69%	47.94	9.5
1625-49	595.6	+0.95%	81.48	13.7
1650-74	631.6	-0.42%	72.26	11.4
1675-99	616.7	+0.48%	74.01	12.0
1700-24	617.8	-0.09%	81.03	13.1
1725-49	587.6	-0.17%	51.00	8.7

* The Phelps Brown and Hopkins Price Index. See Sources for Table 2.

Table 3.

<u>Price-Relatives of Charcoal, Timber, Industrial Products, Grains, and the</u> <u>Phelps-Brown & Hopkins 'Basket of Consumables' Index in Decennial</u> <u>Averages, 1530-9 to 1640-9</u>

Average of 1530-9 = base 100

Decade	Charcoal (Cambridge)	Timber (National)	Industrial Products	Grains: Rye, Wheat, Oats, Barley	Basket of Cons- umables
1530-9	100	100	100	100	100
1540-9	122	115	115	116	124
1550-9	203	174	169	216	186
1560-9	217	178	198	196	180
1570-9	230	206	203	230	203
1580-9	270	247	209	282	230
1590-9	287	289	216	366	305
1600-9	320	335	233	348	306
1610-9	359	397	249	407	341
1620-9	345	450	240	399	333
1630-9	378	475	255	491	397
1640-9	535	524	278	488	398

Weighting of the Phelps Brown and Hopkins Price Index:

Farinaceous Foods (Grains)	20.0%
Meat and Fish	25.0%
Butter and Cheese	12.5%
Drink (Malt, Hops, etc.)	22.5%

Subtotal: Food		80.0%
Fuel and Light	7.5%	
Textiles	12.5%	
Subtotal: Industrial Goods		20.0%
Total		100.0%

Sources:

- (a) Charcoal: J.E. Thorold Rogers, *History of Agriculture and Prices in England*, IV: (1401-1582), 383-7; V (1583-1702), 398-402.
- (b) Timber, industrial products, grains:

Peter Bowden, 'Agricultural Prices: Statistical Appendix,' in Joan Thirsk, ed., *Agrarian History of England and Wales*, IV: *1500-1640* (1967), Table XIII, 862.

(c) 'Basket of Consumables':

E.H. Phelps Brown and Sheila Hopkins, 'Seven Centuries of the Prices of Consumables,' in E.M. Carus-Wilson, ed., *Essays in Economic History*, Vol. II (1962), pp. 194-95; and E.H. Phelps Brown and Sheila Hopkins, *A Perspective of Wages and Prices* (London, 1981).

Table 4.

THE EFFECTS OF CHANGING RELATIVE AREAS OF GRASS (LIVESTOCK-PASTURE) AND ARABLE (GRAIN CROPS) ON THE OUTPUT OF A 100-ACRE FARM: IN BUSHELS PER ACRE (WITH LIVESTOCK OUTPUT EQUIVALENTS)

<u>Assumption:</u> Farm Operating on a Three-Field System with 2/3 in Crops and 1/3 Fallow (Uncultivated, Land at Rest) each Year

Grass Area in Acres	Grain Area in Acres	Fallow Area (at Rest): Acres	Manure Tons per Acre Arable	Grain Yield: Bu. per Acre	Total Grain Output Bu.	Stock Output in Equiv Bu.*	TOTAL OUT- PUT IN BU.
100	0.0	0.0				1,000	1,000
80	13.3	6.7	>10.0	27.5	366	800	1,166
77	15.3	7.7	10.0	27.5	421	770	1,191
60	26.7	13.3	4.5	16.5	441	600	1,041
40	40.0	20.0	2.0	11.5	460	400	860
20	53.3	26.7	0.7	8.9	474	200	674
0	66.7	33.3	0.0	7.5	500	0	500

* Assumption: That the output of livestock products is equivalent to 10 bushels of grain per acre.

Source: Robert Shiel, 'Improving Soil Fertility in the Pre-Fertiliser Era,' in Bruce M. S. Campbell and Mark Overton, eds., *Land, Labour, and Livestock: Historical Studies in European Agricultural Productivity* (Manchester and New York, 1991), p. 71.

Table 5

THE BALTIC AND ENGLISH GRAIN EXPORT TRADES AVERAGE ANNUAL EXPORTS IN QUARTERS (OF 8 BUSHELS)* 1600-49 TO 1700-49

PERIOD	BALTIC**	ENGLAND	TOTAL
1600-59	719,250	?	?
1650-99	585,900	26,250	612,150
1700-49	325,500	453,600	779,100

- * 1 Quarter = 8 bushels = 64 gallons of grain = 480 lb. (1 bu. = 60 lb.; $6 \times 80 = 480 \text{ lb.}$)
- * about 80% on the seaborne Baltic grain exports, on average, was carried in Dutch ships (a higher proportion in the earlier than in the later periods).

Table 6.

AVERAGE ANNUAL ENGLISH GRAIN EXPORTS IN QUARTERS (OF 8 BUSHELS), 1700-09 TO 1760-64

DECADE	GRAIN EXPORTS IN QUARTERS
1700-09	283,000
1710-19	369,000
1720-29	426,000
1730-39	531,000
1740-49	661,000
1750-59	655,000
1760-64	746,000

Table 7

MODEL OF A THREE-FIELD CROP ROTATION SYSTEM: ARABLE LANDS

Year	FIELDS: A	FIELDS: B	FIELDS: C
I	FALL	SPRING	FALLOW
	(Winter)	(Summer)	Resting Uncultivated
	Wheat and/or Rye	Oats, Barley Legumes (Peas and Beans)	(Double Ploughed) Livestock graze on natural grasses
Π	SPRING	FALLOW	FALL
 III	FALLOW	FALL	SPRING
	FALLOW	FALL	51 KING

CONVERTIBLE HUSBANDRY ('UP AND DOWN' FARMING)

SECTION I: PASTURE LANDS FOR GRAZING LIVESTOCK

1) These lands, comprising about half of the farm holdings, are 'laid down to grass' for about five years, for pasturing livestock (sheep and/or cattle), allowing these lands to regain their fertility and store up large stocks of nitrogen. If the livestock are also 'stall-fed' – i.e. from fodder crops outside the pasture -- their manure will add net amounts of nitrogen compounds to the soil

2) After five or so years, these pasture lands are 'ploughed up for arable,' to follow the five-course crop system indicated below for Section II (the other half of the farm holdings). After another five years, these lands, now arable, are again 'laid down to grass' to serve as pasture lands for the following five years.

SECTION II: THE ARABLE FIELDS (with no fallow)					
ARABLE FIELD A:	WINTER GRAINS: Wheat and/or Rye grains				
ARABLE FIELD B:	THE NEW LEGUMES: Clover, Alfalfa (Lucerne), and Sainfoin grasses (high nitrogen-fixing properties), as animal fodder crops				
ARABLE FIELD C:	PULSES: Beans and Peas (low in nitrogen-fixing properties, for human consumption)				
ARABLE FIELD D:	SUMMER GRAINS: Barley (for beer) and Oats (to feed both humans and horses)				
ARABLE FIELD E:	OTHER NEW CROPS: Coleseed and Rapeseed (for both industrial oils and animal fodder); or Turnips (chiefly for animal fodder)				

'New' Crops Grown Under Multiple Crop Rotations in Convertible Husbandry (or in 'Norfolk Farming'): not new, but much more widely diffused in the 17th & 18th centuries.

Clover, Alfalfa (Lucerne), Sainfoin, Coleseed, Rapeseed, Flax, Buckwheat, Hops, Turnips

Nitrogen Fixing Properties of Various Legumes in kg per hectare (2.47 acres)

Beans and Peas (Pulses)	30 kg per hectare
Clover	100 kg per hectare
Sainfoin	170 kg per hectare
Alfalfa (Lucerne)	225 kg per hectare

Table 8.

OUTPUTS OF PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, 1700 - 1850

in Millions of Units (H	Bushels and Pounds)
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COMMODITIES	Units	1700	1750	1800	1850	% Rise
Grains and pulses	bushel	65	88	131	181	178.46
Meat	lb.	370	665	888	1356	266.48
Wool	lb.	40	60	90	120	200.00
Cheese	lb.	61	84	1122	157	157.38
Volume in 1815 Prices (£ million)						
Grains/potatoes	£mill	19	25	37	56	194.74
Livestock products	£mill	21	34	512	79	276.19
TOTAL	£mill	40	59	88	135	237.50

Source: Robert Allen, 'Agriculture During the Industrial Revolution,' in Roderick Floud and Donald McCloskey, eds., *Economic History of Britain Since 1700*, Vol. I: *1700 - 1860*, 2nd edition (Cambridge, 1994), 7able 5.1, p. 102.

UTILIZATION OF ENGLISH-WELSH LANDS, 1700 - 1850

in millions of acres

Land Type	in 1700	in 1800	in 1850	Percent Change
Arable	11.00	11.60	14.60	32.72
Pasture/Meadow	10.00	17.50	16.00	14.40
Woodlands	3.00	1.60	1.50	-50.00
Wastelands/forests	13.00	6.50	3.00	-76.92
TOTAL	38.00	38.50	37.30	-1.84
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL	34.00	35.60	33.60	-1.18
INDEX OF LAND INPUT	1.00	1.35	1.37	37.00

Source: Robert Allen, 'Agriculture During the Industrial Revolution,' in Roderick Floud and Donald McCloskey, eds., *Economic History of Britain Since 1700*, Vol. I: *1700 - 1860*, 2nd edition (Cambridge, 1994), Table 5.2, p. 104.

Table 11.

Category	1700	1800	1851	% Change
Men	595	628	971	63.19
Women	505	426	409	-19.00
Boys	433	351	144	-66.74
TOTAL	1533	1405	1524	0.59
WEIGHTED INDEX OF LABOUR INPUT	100	95	116	16.00

EMPLOYMENT IN ENGLISH/WELSH AGRICULTURE, 1700 - 1851, in thousands

Source: Robert Allen, 'Agriculture During the Industrial Revolution,' in Roderick Floud and Donald McCloskey, eds., *Economic History of Britain Since 1700*, Vol. I: *1700 - 1860*, 2nd edition (Cambridge, 1994), Table 5.3, P. 107.

Table 12.

CAPITAL INVESTED IN ENGLISH/WELSH AGRICULTURE

in millions of £ at 1851/60 values

INVESTORS	1700	1750	1800	1850	% Change
Landlords	112	114	143	232	107.14
Tenants	71	81	99	121	240.85
TOTAL INVESTED	183	195	242	353	92.90

Source: Robert Allen, 'Agriculture During the Industrial Revolution,' in Roderick Floud and Donald McCloskey, eds., *Economic History of Britain Since 1700*, Vol. I: *1700 - 1860*, 2nd edition (Cambridge, 1994), Table 5.4, p. 109.

UTILIZATION OF THE ARABLE LANDS: CROPS AND FALLOW, 1700 - 1850

in millions of acres

Crops	1700	1750	1800	1850	% Change
Wheat	1.4	1.8	2.5	3.6	157.1
Rye	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.1	-88.9
Barley	1.9	1.4	1.3	1.5	-21.1
Oats	1.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	66.7
Beans/Peas	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.0	-23.1
Turnips	0.4	1.0	1.3	2.0	400.0
Potatoes	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	300.0
Clover	0.5	1.0	1.2	2.2	340.0
Fallow	3.3	2.5	1.5	1.8	-45.5
TOTAL	11.0	11.4	11.6	14.6	32.7

Source: Robert Allen, 'Agriculture During the Industrial Revolution,' in Roderick Floud and Donald McCloskey, eds., *Economic History of Britain Since 1700*, Vol. I: *1700 - 1860*, 2nd edition (Cambridge, 1994), Table 5.6, p. 112.

Table 14.

CROPS	1700	1750	1800	1850	% Change
Wheat	16.0	18.0	21.5	28.0	78.1
Rye	17.0	18.0	26.0	28.0	64.7
Barley	23.0	25.0	30.0	36.5	58.9
Oats	24.0	28.0	35.0	40.0	66.7
Beans/Peas	20.0	28.0	28.0	30.0	50.0

CROP YIELDS IN BUSHELS PER ACRE, 1700 TO 1850

Source: Robert Allen, 'Agriculture During the Industrial Revolution,' in Roderick Floud and Donald McCloskey, eds., *Economic History of Britain Since 1700*, Vol. I: *1700 - 1860*, 2nd edition (Cambridge, 1994), Table 5.7, p. 112.

Table 15.	Exports o	f English Bro	oadcloths of Assis	e					
	in quineque	nnial means,	1346-50 to 1551-5	55					
Year	Denizen	Hansard	Other Aliens	TOTAL	London	London	London	London	London:
Michaelmas		Exports	Exports	EXPORTS	Denizens	Hansards	Other Aliens	Total	% of Total
1346-50	2,246		310	2,556					
1351-55	1,586		335	1,921					
1356-60	7,376	174	1,511	9,061					
1361-65	9,099	1,020	1,598	11,717					
1366-70	10,978	1,310	2,240	14,527					
1371-75	9,102	1,240	1,869	12,211					
1376-80	9,673	1,383	2,586	13,643					
1381-85	13,949	2,800	5,493	22,242					
1386-90	17,192	3,125	5,293	25,610					
1391-95	22,974	6,346	10,205	39,525					
1396-00	23,318	5,646	9,811	38,775					
1401-05	19,450	6,548	8,571	34,570					
1406-10	12,997	6,568	12,181	31,746	4,889	3,406	5,956	14,251	44.89%
1411-15	12,284	4,980	9,919	27,183	4,295	2,426	7,771	14,493	53.31%
1416-20	14,051	5,722	8,205	27,977	3,869	2,862	5,967	12,698	45.39%
1421-25	21,180	6,935	12,160	40,275	6,076	3,857	6,879	16,812	41.74%
1426-30	20,334	5,304	14,768	40,406	4,975	3,995	8,528	17,498	43.30%
1431-35	25,474	4,062	10,492	40,027	11,034	2,958	3,077	17,069	42.64%
1436-40	22,864	9,145	15,063	47,072	6,485	5,036	6,603	18,124	38.50%
1441-45	28,163	11,336	16,957	56,456	10,071	7,831	6,035	23,938	42.40%
1446-50	25,286	9,301	11,259	45,847	6,356	5,721	2,152	14,229	31.04%
1451-55	20,785	8,214	7,701	36,700	8,484	6,749	1,186	16,419	44.74%
1456-60	18,911	10,017	7,562	36,489	7,829	7,643	690	16,162	44.29%
1460-65	16,046	8,584	4,371	29,002	8,965	6,407	668	16,041	55.31%
1466-70	21,255	5,807	10,386	37,447	13,789	4,357	2,642	20,788	55.51%
1471-75	20,705	3,415	12,417	36,537	13,727	3,061	6,540	23,328	63.85%
1476-80	32,185	8,226	10,030	50,441	19,283	7,033	8,128	34,444	68.29%

Year	Denizen	Hansard	Other Aliens	TOTAL	London	London	London	London	London:
Michaelmas	Exports	Exports	Exports	EXPORTS	Denizens	Hansards	Other Aliens	Total	% of Total
1481-85	29,191	13,439	11,568	54,198	16,160	12,434	7,700	36,293	66.96%
1486-90	25,892	13,740	10,373	50,005	14,369	12,465	8,288	35,122	70.24%
1491-95	29,513	15,100	12,332	56,945	14,135	13,868	7,890	35,893	63.03%
1496-00	35,668	17,175	9,740	62,583	20,047	16,282	6,417	42,746	68.30%
1501-05	44,803	17,638	14,830	77,271	21,224	16,819	8,567	46,611	60.32%
1506-10	46,832	16,984	20,987	84,803	27,352	16,473	8,566	52,390	61.78%
1511-15	49,110	21,621	15,861	86,592	33,493	20,739	8,025	62,257	71.90%
1516-20	51,128	20,411	18,559	90,099	36,485	19,766	6,834	63,084	70.02%
1521-25	48,675	18,457	15,137	82,269	35,565	18,120	8,170	61,854	75.19%
1526-30	56,942	20,402	16,190	93,534	42,657	19,486	10,207	72,350	77.35%
1531-35	53,966	24,274	15,847	94,087	40,988	24,083	10,431	75,503	80.25%
1536-40	61,008	30,747	17,523	109,278	46,704	30,666	14,360	91,731	83.94%
1541-45	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	118,056	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	101,550	86.02%
1546-50	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	135,190	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	123,780	91.56%
1551-55	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	126,595	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	110,888	87.59%
Notes:		English Broadcloth = 24 yds by 1.75 yds, for cloths of assise: 4 straits and dozens = 1 broadcloth; and 3 kerseys = 1 broadcloth. From one sack of wool, 4.333 broadcloths could be manufactured							

LONDON CLOTH EXPORTS

Exports of English Woollen Broadcloths* ('Short cloths') from London, in decennial means, from 1460-69 to 1630-39 Index: Mean of 1500-09 = 100

Years	Exports	Index	Years	Exports	Index
1460-9	17,717	36.00	1553-9 ^b	?	?
1470-9	26,707	54.20	1560-9	85,952	174.50
1480-9	35,533	72.20	1570-9	90,319	183.40
1490-9	39,409	80.00	1580-9	98,101	199.20
1500-9	49,247	100.00	1590-9	101,172	205.40
1510-9	61,036	123.90	1601-9°	108,464	220.20
1520-9	66,673	135.40	1610-9 ^d	105,906	215.10
1530-9	80,736	163.90	1620-9°	89,637	182.00
1540-9ª	110,135	223.60	1630-9 ^r	88,066	178.80
1550-2 ^b	110,148	223.70	1640 ^g	86,924	176.50

* 1 short broadcloth = 24 yards by 1.75 yards fulled.

Notes:

a.	1540-47 only
b.	1550-52 only; 1553-9 missing data
c.	1601-04 and 1606 only: mean of five years
d.	1614, 1616, and 1618 only: mean of three years
e.	1620, 1622, 1626-28 only
f.	1631-33 only: mean of four years
g.	1640 only

Table 17.ENGLISH LANDHOLDING IN 1436 AND 1690

Percentage of Total Lands Held by Leading Social Classes

	<u>1436</u>	1690
Church and Crown	35%	10%
Peerage (aristocracy)	20%	18%
Gentry	25%	45%
Yeoman Freeholders	20%	27%
TOTALS	100%	100%

Social Rank and Status in Tudor-Stuart England

THE PEERAGE

THE HOUSE OF LORDS

The Greater Nobility: Lords and Ladies

- 1. Duke, Archbishop (Lord)
- 2. Marquess (Marquise) (Lord)
- 3. Viscount (Lord)
- 4. Baron (Lord)

THE GENTRY

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Lesser Nobility: Gentlemen

- 6. Baronet (from 1611 only): Sir
- 7. Knight (Sir)

8. Esquire (Mr.)

9. Gentleman (Mr.)

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