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Topics in the Economic and Social History of Later Medieval and Renaissance Europe

Topic No. 27: Late-Medieval & Early Modern Agriculture, subtopic V

Agrarian Changes in Early-Modern France, 14th to 18th Centuries:

The 'Feudal Crises,' Rural 'Embourgeoisement,' The Seigneurial Reaction, and the Beginnings of an Agricultural Revolution

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QUESTIONS

1. What significance has geography had for French rural history: in particular how did the nature, organization, and techniques of northern French agriculture differ from that of southern France, with the Loire as a rough boundary between the two zones? Did these regional differences remain a 'constant' in French rural history from medieval to modern times?
2. What changes occurred in French agriculture, rural society, the institutions of feudalism, manorialism, and serfdom during the Late-Medieval 'Great Depression': ca. 1350-1450?
3. In particular, how did the status of servile peasants change in France from the 14th to 16th centuries? What was the economic, social, and judicial status of the following in the 16th century: those descended from vileins libres, vileins serfs; those who were leasehold tenants, those who were métayers. How did metayage tenancies differ from traditional (medieval) manorial tenancies?
4. What varieties of land tenures, systems of land holding were to be found in 16th and 17th century-France? To what extent was French agriculture in its organization, social institutions, techniques, etc. still: 'feudal' or 'medieval'; to what extent was it becoming 'modernized?' by the 18th century?
5. How valid is Marc Bloch's thesis that, as economic manorialism declined, the importance of seigniorialism increased? In Bloch's analysis, what was the difference between manor and seigneurie in France? Between the economic and political powers of the landlord and the lord of a seigneurie?
6. Was there a 'seigniorial reaction' in the 16th and 17th centuries? What forms did it take; what consequences (if any) did it have?
7. To what extent was there rural 'embourgeoisement' from the 15th to 18th centuries: bourgeois acquisitions of lands, country estates; purchases of letters patent of nobility or of royal offices to which lands were attached? What effects, if any, did such bourgeois land acquisitions have upon the economic and social structure of French agriculture?
8. Does the history of the landed French nobility have any continuity from 1453 to 1789? [Distinguish between noblesse d'épée and noblesse de robe.]
9. What were the causes and consequences of French peasant unrest and revolts in the 17th-century? Were there social, economic, and demographic 'crises de subsistance'? How significant an aspect of the '17th-Century General Crisis' are the French peasant revolts of this era?
10. What were the chief commodities produced by French agriculture from the 16th to 18th centuries? How important were the grain and wine trades to the early-modern French economy?
11. Did French agriculture undergo an 'agricultural revolution:' in the course of the 18th-century? Where, in what respects, to what extent, and with what consequences? Discuss the Bloch thesis, and the opposing views (especially those of Morineau).
12. Do regional variations in French agriculture -- especially comparing regions north and south of the Loire -- prevent us from making 'national' generalizations about trends in 'French' agriculture? What were the most advanced and least advanced regions of French agriculture on the eve of the

French revolution?

Table 1.**Proportions of Total Populations Engaged in
Agriculture: in England and France, 1500 - 1800**

Year	ENGLAND	FRANCE
1500	76%	73%
1600	70%	69%
1700	55%	63%
1750	46%	61%
1800	36%	55%
1850	22%	52%
1900	7%	43%

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Table 2.

FRENCH AGRICULTURE IN THE 19th CENTURY**Distribution of Farm Lands by the 1881 Survey**

Category	Number of Farms by Area	Percentage of Total Farms	Area in Hectares (2.47 acres)	Percentage of Total Area
Under 5 hectares	1,866,000	53.3%	5,600,000	11.5%
5 - 20 hectares	1,200,000	34.2%	12,300,000	25.3%
20 - 40 hectares	296,000	8.5%	8,400,000	17.3%
Over 40 hectares (100 acres)	142,000	4.1%	22,300,000	45.9%
TOTAL	3,504,000	100.0%	48,600,000	100.0%
Over 20 hectares	438,000	12.5%	30,700,000	63.2%

Table 3.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS ON FRENCH AND BRITISH AGRICULTURE: from the Patrick O'Brien articles.

A. Demography and Agricultural Employment:

Year	FRANCE	FRANCE	FRANCE	BRITAIN	BRITAIN	BRITAIN
	Population in millions	Agricultural Workforce	Percent of Total	Population	Agricultural Workforce	Percent of Total
1700	22.5	4.3	19.11	5.42	1.5	27.67
1790	27.0	5.75	21.3	8.29	n.a.	
1850	35.8	7.5	20.95	17.92	2	11.16
1910	39.6	8.5	21.46	36.1	1.6	4.43

B. Agricultural Income in 1910:

Agricultural Statistics	FRANCE	GREAT BRITAIN
Agricultural Employment and Related Occupations as Percent of Total Employment	41%	8%
Agricultural Income as Percent of NNI	35%	5%

C. Farm Scales and Occupancy by Owners and Tenants in 1880:

Agricultural Statistics	FRANCE	GREAT BRITAIN
Area covered by farms of 40 hectares (100 acres) or more:	29%	75%
Percent of lands worked by owner-occupiers	67%	15%
Percent of lands worked by tenants	33%	85%