

Codebook: Female Farm Employment in England, 1740-1850

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Definition of Variables:

1) Hunt74 Region

Region number from Map 1 in E.H. Hunt, *Regional Wage Variations in Britain, 1850-1914*, Oxford, 1974.

Region 1 includes Essex, Kent, Middlesex, and Surrey.

Region 2 includes Cornwall, Devonshire, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset, and Wiltshire.

Region 3 includes Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, and Suffolk.

Regions 4 and 5 are in Wales, and are not used.

Region 6 includes Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, and Warwickshire.

Region 7 includes Lincolnshire, Rutland, and the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.

Region 8 includes Cheshire, Lancashire, and the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Region 9 include Cumberland and Westmorland.

Region 10 includes Durham and Northumberland.

2) Farm No

Unique identifier for each farm. Some farms appear only once. Other farms have multiple observations at different dates. Some numbers are not used.

3) Date

Year of the observation

4) Percent Female

Percent female equal total days worked by females divided by total days worked.

Total days worked by females = number of days worked by females on daily or weekly wages + (amount paid to females for piece-rate work / average daily wage paid to females)

Total days worked by males = number of days worked by males on daily or weekly wages + (amount paid to males for piece-rate work / average daily wage paid to males)

Total days worked = total days worked by females + total days worked by males

5) Total Wage Bill

Total amount paid for day-work labor, in shillings per year. Includes work by males and females. Includes both time-rate and piece-rate earnings. Excludes wages to indoor servants or farm bailiffs.

6) Msumwage

Male Summer Wage, in pence per day.

Median daily wage paid to male workers between June and September (excluding harvest wage).

7) Size

Man-years of employment. A measure of farm size equal to the total wage bill divided by male annual earnings, where male annual earnings is calculated as 312 times the daily wage measured in shillings.

8) Tenant

Equal to one if the farmer was a tenant farmer paying rent to a landlord.

9) Cottage

Prevalence of cottage industry in 1851. Number of females in the county employed in the occupations straw hat and bonnetmaker, glover, embroiderer, straw plait manufacturer, and lace manufacturer, divided by the number of females age 20 and over in the county, from the 1851 census. *Source:* BPP 1852-53 LXXXVIII.

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