

AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS' EARNINGS.

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FURTHER RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 29 July 1869;—for,

RETURN “of the Average Rate of WEEKLY EARNINGS of AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS in the Unions of *England* and *Wales*, in respect of the Michaelmas and Christmas Quarters 1869, and the Lady-day and Midsummer Quarters 1870, according to the annexed Form, and so far as the same can be readily obtained :—

Agricultural Labourers.	Average Weekly Amount of Earnings.			
	Weekly Wages.	Weekly Earnings by Task Work.	Total of Money Earnings.	Allowance of Food or Drink (if any). Description and Quantity.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	
Men - - - -				
Women - - - -				
Children under 16 -				

Poor Law Board, Whitehall, }
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Secretary.

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(Mr. Goschen.)

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RETURN of the Average Rate of WEEKLY EARNINGS of AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS in the undermentioned Unions of *England* and *Wales*.

Quarter ended Lady-day 1870.

DIVISIONS AND UNIONS.	Agricultural Labourers.	AVERAGE WEEKLY AMOUNT OF EARNINGS.				REMARKS.
		Weekly Wages.	Weekly Earnings by Task Work.	Total of Money Earnings.	Allowance of Food or Drink (if any); Description and Quantity; and any other Emoluments besides Wages.	
I.—THE METROPOLIS	- - -	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.		
		No Return.				
II.—SOUTH EASTERN :						
SURREY (Extra Metropolitan):						
37. Epsom	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16	14 - 6 - 5 -	18 - - - - - - -	- - - 6 - 5 -	An allowance of beer during the harvest.	
45. Godstone	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16	13 - 5 6 4 6	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - none - - - none. - - - none.	Men earn by task-work 15 s. to 20 s. during harvest. A little beer given during harvest generally.
KENT (Extra Metropolitan):						
67. Faversham	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16	14 - 6 - 5 -	17 - 9 - nil	- - - - - - nil	- - - nil - - - nil. - - - nil.	The first column represents the amount paid, on an average, in the union when the persons are employed by the week, and the second when wholly employed at task-work. The return only applies to the wages given when at work. Women are only employed at certain times of the year.
71. Easry	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16	13 - 6 s. to 7 s. 6 d. 3 s. to 5 s.	14 s. to 15 s. 6 s. to 8 s. none	13 6 7 - 4 -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	As a rule, no allowance of food or drink in this quarter of the year. The women not regularly employed at field work at this season, therefore these figures represent the earnings in full employ.
74. Romney Marsh	Men - - - Women do not usually work in the fields, especially at this period of the year. Children under 16	15 - 3 s. to 5 s.	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	No allowance, as a rule, is afforded	As a rule, no allowance of food or drink; the children generally live and board with their parents.
SUSSEX:						
80. Ticehurst	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16	12 - nil 3 -	15 - nil - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - -	Labour has been generally in excess of the demand; employment being found only for regular hands. The excessively long and severe winter occasioned much privation and suffering amongst the labouring classes generally, and such distress in many instances is no doubt greatly aggravated by want of a better system of regulation in regard to public-houses and beer-shops, the surveillance of which by the police is evasive and lax.
87. Horsham	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16	12 - 5 - 3 -	12 6 - - - - - -	12 6 5 - 3 -	- - - none. - - - none. - - - none.	
89. Thakeham	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16	12 - 6 - 10 to 11, about 3 s. 11 to 13, about 4 s. 13 to 15, about 5 s.	18 - 7 6 - - -	- - - - - - - - -	Drink in hay and harvest; three quarts of beer daily, at about 8 d. In hay and harvest beer, about 4 d.	Men occupied as carters, and with stock, 14 s. to 15 s., and shepherds, 16 s. to 20 s., but no harvest. There is very little here for women to do out of doors, except in haying and harvest.

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181.	91. West Hampnett	Men	13	14		House rent to carters and shepherds	During this quarter nothing extra is given, but during the haying and harvest extra allowances are given.	
		Women	0	none		- - - none.		
		Children under 16	4	none		- - - none.		
	93. Midhurst	Men	11	2	13	} Not usual in this district, except in haying and harvest - - }	Women's work, except where they wash, very uncertain indeed in this quarter.	
		Women	1	0	1 0			
		Children under 16	3	1	4			
SOUTHAMPTON:								
	106. South Stoneham	Men	11	-	11	Beer is sometimes allowed. Carters are allowed a cottage to reside in, equal to about 2s. per week.	Men who are employed at task-work earn about 15s. per week. It is not usual to pay partly by fixed wages and partly by task-work.	
		Women	5	-	5			
		Children under 16	5	-	5			
	110. Droxford	Men	11	13 6	-	Coals and wood given occasionally to carters and shepherds.		
		Women	3	4	-			
		Children under 16	4	-	-			
	113. Alresford	Men	10	13 s. to 14 s.	-	- - - - -	Carters and shepherds have generally a cottage rent free, or 1s. a week additional, but they are never on task-work. No food or drink allowed to any. When employed; but very little work for women out-doors during the quarter.	
		Women	4	-	-	- - - - -		
		Children under 16—	-	-	-	- - - - -		
		Boys from 12 to 16	3s. 6d. to 5s. 6d.	-	-	- - - - -		
A 2	118. Andover	Men	10	12	11	- - - - -	Very few employed during this quarter. All boys.	
		Women	4	-	4			
		Children under 16	4	-	4			
BERKSHIRE:								
	121. Hungerford	-	-	-	-	- - - - -	After repeated applications to the clerk no return has been sent. The wages in this union for the previous Michaelmas and Christmas quarters will be found in the preceding numbers of the series.	
	122. Faringdon	Men	10	13	-	1 s. 6 d. worth of beer to carters and Foggars (sic).		
		Women	4	6	-			
		Children under 16	3 6	-	-			
	124. Wantage	Men	10	11	-	Carters are usually allowed a quart of small beer daily for themselves, and one boy, and generally a cottage to live in.		
		Women	4 6	6	-			
		Children under 16	if daily employed. 4 -	if daily employed.	-			
III. SOUTH MIDLAND:								
HERTFORDSHIRE:								
	140 b. Royston	Men	11 3	13 6	-	No stated allowance of food or drink is made; sometimes when a little extra work is required a pint of beer is given as an encouragement.	Horsekeepers and shepherds get about 13s. per week.	
		Women	4	-	-			- - - - -
		Children under 16	4	-	-			- - - - -
	141. Hitchin	Men	10 9	-	10 9	- - - - -	A very few women are employed in the fields in this quarter, and not any during the latter part of it. The wages of children vary so much according to their ages, that it is quite impossible to give any correct average rate. A very few small children are employed in this quarter.	
		Women	-	-	-			- - - - -
		Children under 16	(Boys) 4 6	-	4 6			- - - - -

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QUARTER ended LADY-DAY 1870—continued.

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		Weekly Wages.	Weekly Earnings by Task Work.	Total of Money Earnings.	Allowance of Food or Drink (if any); Description and Quantity; and any other Emoluments besides Wages.	
III.—SOUTH MIDLAND—continued.						
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE:		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>		
170. Brixworth - - -	Men - - -	12 -	15 -	- - -	- - -	None.
	Women - - -	4 0	4 0			
	Children under 16 -	4 0	4 0			
174. Oundle - - -	Men - - -	11 -	14 -			
	Women - - -	4 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	Seldom so employed.
	Children under 16 -	3 0				
175. Peterborough - -	Men - - -	12 -	15 -	- - -	- - -	Earnings in harvest averaging (man, wife, and three children) 7 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> during harvest month. Total money earnings per year 35 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> ; most men either living on farms or actually permanent labourers on same, are allowed to set potatoes on the farm, averaging one sack of seed; they finding labour.
	Women - - -	5 <i>s.</i> to 6 <i>s.</i>				
	Children under 16 -	4 -				
HUNTINGDONSHIRE:						
178. Saint Neots - - -	Men - - -	11 -	12 -			
	Women - - -	5 -				
	Children under 16 -	3 <i>s.</i> , 4 <i>s.</i> , 5 <i>s.</i>				
BEDFORDSHIRE:						
179. Bedford - - -	Men - - -	10 <i>s.</i> to 11 <i>s.</i> , 12 <i>s.</i> to 14 <i>s.</i>	11 <i>s.</i> to 12 <i>s.</i>	- - -	- - -	This quarter is a dull season for agricultural labourers; some men earn more than the sums stated, at draining, hedging, threshing, and getting up of root crops; they have, however, to find tools. Horsekeepers, shepherds, and herdsmen have privileges in most cases, which considerably enhance their weekly pay.
	Women - - -	- - -				
	Boys under 16 -	2 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> to 5 <i>s.</i>				
182. Woburn - - -	Men - - -	11 -	- - -	11 -	- - -	Very little task-work (if any) performed during this quarter.
	Women - - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	No women employed, except in hay-time and harvest.
	Children under 16 -	4 -	- - -	4 -		
CAMBRIDGESHIRE:						
186. Chesterton - - -	Men - - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	The guardians have refused information. The return for the Michaelmas Quarter, however, was duly supplied. See 371 ante.
	Women - - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
	Children under 16 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	

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IV.—EASTERN :									
ESSEX :									
181. 199. Billericay	-	-	Men	-	-	12 -	16 -	-	-
			Women	-	-	4 s. to 6 s.			
			Children under 16	-	-	3 s. 6 d. to 5 s. 6 d.			
203. Tendring	-	-	Men	-	-	11 -	-	11 -	
			Women	-	-	8 d. to 10 d. per day	-	-	
			Children under 16	-	-	2 s. to 6 s.	-	2 s. to 6 s.	
209. Dunmow	-	-	Men	-	-	10 -	10 -	-	1 s., beer.
			Horsekeepers and waggoners.	-	-	12 -	-	-	1 s., beer.
			Women	-	-	3 6			
			Children under 16	-	-	4 -	-	-	6 d., beer.
SUFFOLK :									
217. Stow	-	-	Men	-	-				
			Women	-	-				
			Children under 16	-	-				
221. Samford	-	-	Men	-	-	About 11 s.	About 14 s.		
			Women	-	-	About 4 s.			
			Children under 16	-	-	From 2 s. to 6 s.			
225. Blything	-	-	Men	-	-	10 s. and 12 s.	12 -	-	Nil.
			Women	-	-	4 -			
			Children under 16	-	-	4 -			
NORFOLK :									
232. Aylsham	-	-	Men	-	-				
			Women	-	-	No Return	-	-	
			Children under 16	-	-				
239. Depwade	-	-	Men	-	-	10 -	12 -	-	Beer for threshing, &c.
			Yardmen, team-men, and shepherds.	-	-	1 s. 6 d. to 3 s. per week extra.			
			Women	-	-	4 -			
			Children under 16	-	-	2 s. to 5 s.			
247. Downham	-	-	Men	-	-	10 -	12 -	-	None
			Women	-	-	4 6	nil	-	None.
			Children under 16	-	-	2 -	nil	-	None.
When a man takes his work as task-work, he does not as a rule have weekly wages; this does not include harvest wages, which as a rule average 6<i>l.</i> for the month, and about 22<i>s.</i> 6<i>d.</i> allowed for beer. Some men, however, when they take their harvest as task-work, earn as much as 8<i>l.</i> 10<i>s.</i> and 9<i>l.</i> for it. In some cases beer is given, in which case a reduction of 1<i>s.</i> per week is made in the wages, reducing them to 10<i>s.</i> per week. Very little employment for women at this season of the year. The wages of children increase according to age and capability. The clerk to the guardians of this union has informed the Poor Law Inspector for this district that "the guardians consider it impossible to make a correct return of the average weekly earnings of agricultural labourers, the wages varying in almost every parish; the usual wages paid to such labourers are about 10<i>s.</i> per week." See particulars for the Michaelmas and Christmas Quarters 1869, Nos. 371 and 371-I. Average rent of labourers' cottages, with gardens, 1<i>s.</i> 6<i>d.</i> per week. The clerk to the Board of Guardians states that "this return cannot be an accurate one. The foregoing wages are paid by the chairman of the Board; women are seldom employed in task-work in the winter quarter, nor children either; no allowances are made, except house rent sometimes, and sometimes an allotment to horsekeepers and yardmen, but to the common agricultural labourer nothing."									

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V.—SOUTH WESTERN:						
WILTS:						
253. Chippenham	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 -	11 - 4 6 4 6	15 - - - - - - -	- - - 4 6 4 6	Two quarts of beer - - - - - - Nil. - - - Nil	Less earnings at task-work: this quarter than in the summer months. Boys' earnings:—10 years, 2s. 6d.; 12 years, 3s. 6d.; 14 years, 4s. 6d.; 16 years, 5s. 6d.
256. Devizes	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	The Poor Law Inspector for the district states that "The Devizes Board of Guardians object to giving the required information."
257. Melksham	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 -	11 - 6 - 4 6	- - - - - - - - -	11 - 6 - 4 6	Sunday milkers are generally allowed 1s. extra. - - - - - -	In this dairy district task-work is almost unknown. Very few women are now employed as agricultural labourers. The very light crops of grass have been severely felt by the labouring poor of this district. More young men have been standing idle about our streets lately than were ever seen at this season of the year.
260. Warminster	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 -	9 6 4 - 3 -	Not much in operation this quarter. - - - - - -	9 6 4 - 3 -	No other allowance, except in the case of carters and shepherds, who receive an average of 1s. 6d. weekly extra. - - - - - -	The Guardians did not feel inclined to give the information at the Board meeting; therefore the figures are the best that can be obtained.
263. Alderbury	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 -	9 6 3 6 From 2s. to 6s.	12 - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - None - - - None. - - - None.	Allowances of food and drink are seldom given except at haymaking and harvest time.
DORSET:						
271. Wimborne and Cranborne.	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 -	9s. to 10s. 4 - 2 -	12 - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - None - - - None. - - -	The Wimborne Board of Guardians object to giving the required information, and that contained in this return has been furnished by Mr. Glyn, one of the <i>ex officio</i> guardians, and can be fully relied upon for accuracy.
272. Poole	Men: Carters - - - Labourers - - - Ditto - - - Women - - - Ditto - - - Children: Boys under 16 - Ditto 12 -	11 6 12 - - - - 4 - 9s. to 12s. during harvest. 6 - 3 -	- - - - - - 13 6 - - - - - - - - - - - -	11 6 12 - 13 6 4 - - - - 6 - 3 -	Potato ground, 3s. per week - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	All the men, except carters, earn extra wages during the summer months. Rarely employed, except during summer from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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273. Wareham and Purbeck

Men - - -

8 0

Various - -

{ 12 0
to
13 0 }

- - - - -

The same as the return made for the last quarter.

Women - - -

-

Children under 16 -

4 -

275b. Cerne - - -

Men - - -

9 -

9 -

9 -

- - - - -

House and garden rent free, and the privilege of purchasing wheat at a cheaper rate per bushel.

Women - - -

3 6

3 6

3 6

Children under 16 -

From 3 s. to 6 s.

DEVONSHIRE:

279. Axminster - - -

Men - - -

8 0

10 -

- - -

Three pints of cider daily.

Women - - -

4 -

- - -

- - -

One pint of cider daily.

Children under 16 -

2 -

- - -

- - -

- - ditto.

291. Okehampton - - -

Men - - -

From 10 s. to 12 s.

From 12 s. to 15 s.

- - -

Three pints of cider, moderate house rent, and potato ground.

Women - - -

- - -

- - -

- - -

Food when employed in in-door work.

Children under 16 -

-

293. Tiverton - - -

Men - - -

9 -

1 6

10 6

Two quarts of cider daily. A great portion of their fuel to be had for the cutting thereof. A cottage and garden, in most cases, rent-free, and in others at a very small rent, and several other minor privileges.

Women - - -

4 6

- - -

4 6

A quart of cider daily - - -

Children under 16—
(Living indoors).

From 1 s. to 2 s. 6 d.

- - -

- - -

Children are mostly living in the farm-houses, and are provided with meat, drink, lodging, &c.

(Out of doors) -

3 s. to 5 s.

- - -

- - -

About a quart of cider daily.

295. Barnstaple - - -

Men - - -

11 -

Nil -

11 -

- - - Nil - - -

There is no task-work done, except in the rare case of hay-cutting, and then the earnings would be from 3 s. 6 d. to 5 s. per day. Cider is usually given as a gratuity.

Women - - -

4 -

Nil -

4 -

- - - Nil - - -

It is exceedingly unusual to see a woman working in agriculture, and only in the haymaking or turnip-hoeing time.

Children under 16 -

Nil -

Nil -

Nil -

- - - Nil - - -

Very few children are employed in agriculture, and only when living as in-door servants clothed and fed at the master's cost.

CORNWALL:

300. Camelford - - -

Men - - -

11 -

15 -

- - -

Food and drink only during hay or corn harvest.

Women - - -

4 -

Children under 16 -

3 -

SOMERSET:

322. Shepton Mallet - - -

Men - - -

11 -

13 -

- - -

3 pints cider a day.

Women - - -

5 -

- - -

- - -

1½ pint cider a day.

Children under 16 -

4 -

- - -

- - -

1½ pint cider a day.

324. Axbridge - - -

Men - - -

10 -

10 s. to 11 s.

10 6

No food; half gallon cider per day.

Women - - -

5 -

- - -

5 -

No food, drink, or other emoluments.

Children under 16 -

3 6

- - -

3 6

- - ditto.

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VI.—WEST MIDLAND:						
GLOUCESTERSHIRE:						
335. Newent - - -	Men - - -	10 -	12 -	- -	- - - - -	Agricultural labourers are seldom employed on task-work in this union during the quarter ending at Lady-day. Carters, cowmen, and shepherds generally earn about 12s. per week, with frequently a cottage and garden at small rent or rent free. They have also a daily allowance of three quarts of cider. There is not much employment in agriculture for either women or children at this season of the year.
	Women - - -	4 0				
	Children under 16 -	4 s. to 5 s.				
338. Stroud - - -	Men - - -	10 s. to 12 s.	15 s. and upwards	- -	Cider allowed; and sometimes house and garden free.	Carters and shepherds get 12 s. a week.
	Women - - -	4 -				
	Children under 16 -	5 s. and under.				
342. Stow-on-the-Wold -	Men - - -	9 0	12 -	- -	- - - - -	The total of money earnings is shown by the preceding columns, task-work being a substitute for weekly wages, not an addition.
	Women - - -	4 -				
	Children under 16 -	3 0				
344. Cheltenham - -	Men - - -	10 -	12 -	- -	Two quarts of cider daily; cowmen and carters have a cottage in addition, or the value of it.	This is as regards the two Cotswold Hill parishes, Cowley and Cubberley; in the other parishes the wages are 2 s. per week more in both cases.
	Women - - -	6 -				
	Children under 16 -	4 s. to 5 s.				
HEREFORDSHIRE:						
346. Ledbury - - -	Men - - -	10 -	- - -	- -	Two quarts of cider daily	1 s. additional weekly to waggoners, and sometimes a cottage rent free; coal and firewood frequently hauled gratis. There has been very little task-work during this quarter, and but little employment for women. Children earn from 2 s. 6 d. to 7 s., according to age.
	Women - - -	4 0				
	Children under 16 -	4 -				
348 a. Hereford - - -	Men - - -	9 s. to 10 s.	2 -	11 s. to 12 s.	From two to three quarts of cider per day.	Waggoners have generally a cottage and garden rent free, and about 10 stones of bacon at Christmas. Other men, when they rent a cottage on the farm, generally have a cottage and garden free from rates, &c., for about 4 l., which is much less than it would let for to another person. The wages entered as the earnings of women are the amount they would have if they worked every day. In one part of the Hereford Union women earn considerably more money when tiling hops. Farm labourers in this district have many perquisites, such as milk from the farm, &c.
	Women - - -	4 -	- - -	- -	One quart of cider per day.	
	Children under 16 -	3 s. to 6 s.	- - -	- -	- - ditto.	

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181.

350. Bromyard	Men	10	12		Two quarts of cider.	
	Women	4	5		One quart of cider.	
	Children under 16	4				Children earn, in proportion to their ages, from 3 s. up to 8 s.
SHROPSHIRE:						
357. Shifnal	Men	Same as last quarter.				
	Women					
	Children under 16					
359. Atcham	Men	No alteration. See previous Returns of this series.				
	Women					
	Children under 16					
STAFFORDSHIRE:						
375. Burton-upon-Trent	Men	13	Task-work is very rarely allowed in the winter quarters.	13	Generally two quarts of small beer per day in the two winter quarters.	In the two winter quarters farmers seldom give their labourers food; in some of the parishes in the northern part of this union, it is a practice to give labourers 6 s. per week and their maintenance. This is a bad principle, as the wives and children are very bad off under this arrangement.
	Women	5		5	In some instances one quart of small beer.	Women are seldom employed during the two winter quarters.
	Children under 16	3 6		3 6	Generally none	Boys are very seldom employed during the two winter quarters, and girls are scarcely ever employed.
WORCESTERSHIRE:						
383. Stourbridge	Men	12	12 s. to 16 s.	13 4	Beer allowed; waggoners and shepherds have house and garden free.	Very little task-work is done in this district. This union is but partially agricultural, and the wages do not vary.
	Women	5	6 s. to 8 s.	6 4		
	Children under 16					
389. Evesham	Men	10	12	10 s. or 12 s.	One quart of beer or cider per day, two quarts when working with machines.	Carters, shepherds, &c. generally have a cottage rent free in addition to their standing weekly wages; they are not often employed at day-work and task-work in the same week. Women do not get full employment at this season of the year; no task-work; 4 s. are the earnings when they make a full week, but they do not work more than three or four days some weeks, according to weather, &c. The labourers employed in the Evesham garden grounds are paid as follows:—men 2 s. per day, and women 1 s. per day; but this does not apply to the farm labourers.
	Women	4		4	One quart of beer or cider per day when employed with thrashing machine.	
	Children under 16	2 6		2 6	Same as above when so employed.	
390. Pershore	Men	10 s. to 12 s.	10 s. to 13 s.		From two to three quarts of cider a day.	The wages of the best agricultural labourers are not reduced, yet more and more are every day unemployed. This may be attributed to the low price of agricultural produce putting a stop to all improvements. It is not uncommon for many to be out of work in the winter, but usually at this season of the year there is more employment than hands to do it.
	Women	4 s. to 5 s.	5 s. to 6 s.		One quart of cider.	
	Children under 16	2 s. to 4 s.	No task-work		ditto.	
391. Droitwich	Men	10	11 s. to 15 s.		Two or three quarts of beer or cider when at day-work.	
	Women	4	4 s. to 5 s.		One quart of beer or cider when at day-work.	
	Children under 16	3 s. to 6 s.				

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VI.—WEST MIDLAND—continued.						
WARWICKSHIRE:						
403. Warwick - - -	Men - - -	12 -	15 -	12s. to 15s.	Allowance of food or drink only given during harvest time.	
	Women - - -	4 -	5 -	4s. to 5s.		
	Children under 16 -	6 -	- - -	6 -		
	Children under 13 -	3s. to 4s. 6d. per week.				
404. Stratford-on-Avon -	Men - - -	11 -	- - -	- - -	When beer allowed daily, 1s. per week less wages.	Waggoners and shepherds 3s. more weekly. Four days a week, at 8d. per day, is the average amount of their earnings.
	Women - - -	2 8	- - -	- - -		
	Children under 16 -	3 6	- - -	- - -		
VII.—NORTH MIDLAND:						
LEICESTERSHIRE:						
413. Market Bosworth -	Men - - -	13 -	None; the harvest work not having commenced.	- - -	- - -	Always varying from 6d. to 10d. per day when at work, but which is most precarious. Scarcely anything, an odd job now and then with their father or mother, such as driving plough or picking peas, say 2s. 6d. per week when employed.
	Women - - -	- - -		- - -	- - -	
	Children under 16 -	- - -		- - -	- - -	
418. Melton Mowbray -	Men - - -	12s. to 14s.	15s. to 15s. 6d.	- - -	- - -	Shepherds and men feeding cattle in hovels and yards on Sundays 1s. extra per week, with breakfast and beer into the bargain. One of the respondents in this Union states that one of his men has considerably more than 40l. a year, looking over stock on Sunday, and his second labourer 40l. a year, cottage rent-free, and large garden. None employed at this season. Boys according to age, and very few employed.
	Women - - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
	Children under 16 -	3s. 6d., 4s., 6s.	- - -	- - -	- - -	
RUTLANDSHIRE:						
419. Oakham - - -	Men - - -	12 -	- - -	- - -	A little ale given to the horse-keeper	Very little task-work at this season of the year. No field-work for women during this quarter. No task-work for boys of these ages.
	Women - - -	- - -	- - -	- - -		
	Children from 12 to 16 -	3s. to 5s. 6d., or 6s.	- - -	- - -		
LINCOLNSHIRE:						
431. Louth - - -	Men - - -	13 6	3s. 1½d. per day	- - -	- - -	Labourers have been generally well employed in this neighbourhood during this quarter, and wages have been about 13s. 6d. a week. There is but little task-work at this season. Women are not employed here at this season of the year, when they are they receive 1s. per day, but when with a threshing machine they have 1s. 6d. per day.
	Women - - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
	Children under 16 -	6d. to 1s. per day.			- - -	

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE:

442. Newark	-	-	-	Men	-	-	-	12 s. to 14 s.	14 s. 6 d. to 18 s.	-	-	Waggoner two pints of beer daily all through the year. In some parts one quart of beer per day is allowed the men when threshing.	The weekly wage of an ordinary day labourer is and has been for some time 13 s. 6 d., but at task-work, such as wheat hoeing, &c., they have been earning from 18 s. to 21 s. The carter or waggoner, as married man, earns 17 s. weekly all through the year, except a month at harvest, when he is victualled for the month, and receives 20 s. extra besides the weekly 17 s. The women as a rule here only work about a month in the year, and that is the month of June, pea pulling, 1 s. 3 d. per day is the rule.
				Women	-	-	-	5 s. to 7 s. 6 d.					The return from Balderton in this Union states that— "One man at 14 s. has no task-work, but has house and garden rent free, and plot of land for growing potatoes; the others have always task-work when practicable, and are paid in money except in harvest, when they have some malt to brew themselves beer."
				Children under 16	-			3 s. 6 d. to 5 s.	-	-	-	-	The guardian of Brant Broughton in this Union states that "children under 16 are very scarce and fully employed. A boy 16 would take 9 l. per year and bed and board."

DERBYSHIRE:

447a. Ashbourne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	This Union declined to give the information. See the following Union.
449. Bakewell	-	-	-	Men	-	-	-	14 -	16 -	14 s. to 16 s.	-	-	Male servants in husbandry hired by the year receive from 10 l. to 20 l. per annum, according to age and skill as workmen, together with board and lodgings.
				Women	-	-	-	From 4 s. to 6 s. weekly; very few employed.	-	-	-	-	Female servants from 6 l. to 12 l., under similar conditions.
				Children under 16	-			2 s. to 6 s., according to age.	-	-	-	-	

VIII.—NORTH WESTERN:

CHESHIRE:

455. Runcorn	-	-	-	Men	-	-	-	15 -	-	15 -	One pint of beer and bread and cheese once a day.	
				Women	-	-	-	9 -	-	9 -	- Ditto - during harvest and early potatoe getting.	
				Children under 16	-			—				
458. Nantwich	-	-	-	Men	-	-	-	12 -	-	-	None	Agricultural labourers in the neighbourhood of Crewe, where the works of the London and North Western Railway Company are carried on have higher wages than in other parts, viz., 15 s. per week.
				Women	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Women are not employed during the winter months.
				Children under 16	-			1 6	-	-	Breakfast, dinner, and supper with the in-door servants at the farmhouse.	Very few children are employed during the winter months.
459c. Hawarden	-	-	-	Men	-	-	-	15 -	-	15 -		
				Women	-	-	-	6 -	-	6 -		
				Children under 16	-			6 -	-	6 -		

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VIII.—NORTH WESTERN—continued.						
LANCASHIRE :		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>		
464. Ormskirk - - -	Men - - -	{ 15 -	20 -	- - -	- - - None - - -	Single able-bodied men hired for 12 months, and living wholly with their employers, wages 18 <i>l.</i> to 20 <i>l.</i> per annum. The task-work of men was mainly draining and removing old fences.
		{ 12 -	- - -	- - -	{ Dinner of bacon, potatoes, and milk ; bagging, forenoon and afternoon, consisting of bread and cheese or pie.	
	Women - - -	7 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> to 9 <i>s.</i>				
	Children unde. 16 -	6 -	- - -	- - -	- - - - -	Few children employed.
479. Clitheroe - - -	Men - - -	7 -	- - -	- - -	With food and lodging - - -	The wages are the same during the year, and the engagement for that time.
	Women - - -	5 6				
	Children under 16 -	3 -				
484. Garstang - - -	Men - - -	{ 7 -	- - -	- - -	Rations with farmers - - -	Farmers generally dine with their servants.
		{ - - -	16 -	- - -	No allowance of food, &c. - - -	Employed in draining, brick-making, cutting turf, &c.
	Women - - -	4 -	- - -	- - -	Rations with farmers - - -	No task-work.
	Children under 16 -	{ 3 6	- - -	- - -	- - ditto - - -	- ditto.
		{ - - -	8 6	- - -	- - - - -	Assist their parents in draining, &c.
IX.—YORKSHIRE:						
WEST RIDING :						
488. Settle - - -	Men - - -	13 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> to 16 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>	- - -	13 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> to 16 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>	Without food - - -	Farm servants under a yearly hiring, with food and lodging, from 7 <i>s.</i> to 10 <i>s.</i> a week.
	Women - - -	—	- - -	- - -	- - - - -	
	Children under 16 -	—	- - -	- - -	- - - - -	
490. Pateley Bridge - -	Men - - -	17 -	- - -	17 -	{ No allowance of food or drink.	
	Women - - -	7 -	- - -	7 -		
	Children under 16 -	5 -	- - -	5 -		
510. Doncaster - - -	Men - - -	15 -	- - -	15 -	No food or drink except a few weeks in harvest.	Children's wages vary from 3 <i>s.</i> to 6 <i>s.</i> , according to age and strength.
	Women - - -	6 -	- - -	6 -	- - - None.	
	Children under 16 -	3 <i>s.</i> to 6 <i>s.</i>	- - -	- - -	- - - - -	

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181.	511. Thorne - - -	Men - - -	13 6	- - -	13 6	- - - Nil - - -	Task-work is rarely resorted to in this union; but in all cases of task-work during this quarter, an agricultural labourer will earn 15 s. weekly on an average.
		Women - - -	6 -	- - -	6 -	- - - Nil.	
		Children under 16 -	6 -	- - -	6 -	- - - Nil.	
NORTH RIDING:			7 6	- - -	7 6	With food, viz, beef, bacon, mutton, meat and fruit pies, and bread and milk; quantity unlimited.	The average of wages is lower in this quarter than at any other period of the year.
526. Malton - - -	Men - - -		15 -	- - -	15 -	Without food.	
	Women - - -		2 6	- - -	2 6	Without victuals - - -	
	Children under 16 -		2 6	- - -	2 6	- - ditto - - -	There is very little work for women in this quarter.
536. Leyburn - - -			13 -	- - -	13 -	- - - None.	The boys have nothing to do this quarter, except crow tending.
	Women - - -		5 -	- - -	5 -		
	Children under 16 -		4 -	- - -	4 -		
183.	539. Richmond - - -	Men - - -	12 s. to 15 s.	- - -	12 s. to 15 s.	No allowance.	
		Women - - -	5 s. to 6 s.	- - -	5 s. to 6 s.	- - ditto.	
		Children under 16 -	-	- - -	-		
X.—NORTHERN:							
DURHAM:							
540. Darlington - - -	Men - - -		15 -	- None - -	15 -	Ale, occasionally, in a busy time; cottage, value 4 l.; coals led, 25 s.; two bushels of wheat, 13 s.; 20 bushels of potatoes, 62 s. 6 d.; or 3 s. 6 d. per week to add to wages.	Agricultural labour in this union is principally performed by "hinds." Task-work very exceptional.
	Women - - -		4 s. 6 d. to 6 s.	- None - -	4 s. 6 d. to 6 s.	2 s. per day during harvest, and ale sometimes.	
	Children under 16—						
	Girls - - -		3 s. to 4 s. 6 d.	- - -	3 s. to 4 s. 6 d.		Boys above 14 years of age are generally hired out, and live in the master's house, getting from 8 l. to 14 l. a year, which increases at the rate of 1 l. per year up to 22 l. or 23 l., and in some cases as far as 24 l. or 26 l., with food and lodgings.
	Boys - - -		2 s. 6 s. to 9 s.	- - -	2 s. 6 d. to 9 s.		
541 c. Sedgefield - - -	Men - - -		17 -	- None - -	17 -	An allowance of wheat and potatoes is very often made in addition to hinds and their families who reside on the farm; they also live rent free, and have their coals led free of charge.	
	Women - - -		6 -	- None - -	6 -		
	Children under 16 -		4 -	- None - -	4 -		

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X.—NORTHERN—continued.						
NORTHUMBERLAND:						
558. Morpeth	Men	s. d. 16 6	s. d. - - -	s. d. 16 6	60 stones of potatoes during the year, house and garden, and carting of coals.	
	Women	5 -	- - -	5 -		
	Children under 16	4 -	- - -	4 -		
561. Berwick-upon-Tweed	Men	15 -	- - -	15 -	- - - - -	This refers to those who are hired by the year, commonly designated "hinds." In the majority of cases it is chiefly paid in corn, cows, grass, &c., varying very much on different farms.
	Women	6 -	- - -	6 -		
	Children under 16	3 s. to 4 s.	- - -	3 s. to 4 s.		
562. Glendale	Men	16 s. to 18 s.	- - -	16 s. to 18 s.	- - - - -	1 s. to 1 s. 3 d. per day are the wages for women. 6 d. to 1 s. per day, according to age and ability.
	Women	6 s. to 7 s. 6 d.	- - -	6 s. to 7 s. 6 d.		
	Children under 16	4 s. 6 d. to 6 s.	- - -	4 s. 6 d. to 6 s.		
CUMBERLAND:						
566. Brampton	Men	15 -	None - -	15 -	Very little food is given in this district to labourers.	Not much for women to do at this time of year. Scarcely anything to do for children.
	Women	6 -	- - -	6 -		
	Children under 16	- - -	- - -	- - -		
569. Wigton	Men	15 - 9 -	- - -	15 - 9 -	When no food is allowed. When food is allowed, viz., breakfast, usually porridge and milk; dinner, meat and potatoes; supper, porridge and milk or tea. It is not customary to give food to women labourers. No food allowed.	
	Women	7 6	- - -	7 6		
	Children under 16	4 6	- - -	4 6		
572. Bootle	Men	9 -	- - -	9 -	Ordinary diet of farm servants. - - ditto. - - ditto.	
	Women	7 -	- - -	7 -		
	Children under 16	3 -	- - -	3 -		
WESTMORELAND:						
573. East Ward	Men	14 -	None - -	14 -	- - - None.	
	Women	6 -	- - -	6 -		
	Children under 16	5 -	- - -	5 -		
575. Kendal	Men	17 -	- - -	17 -		
	Women	None employed.	- - -	- - -		
	Children under 16	ditto.	- - -	- - -		

181.		XI.—WELSH :		MONMOUTHSHIRE:							
577. Monmouth - - -		Men - - -	11 -	15 -	- - -	Two quarts of cider a day, equal to 2 s. a week.	- - -	In the Forest of Dean, wages are 2 s. higher; in Herefordshire, 1 s. lower. Wages in the Monmouthshire part of the union are rising, partly in consequence of the railway company giving higher wages than the farmers have done. Women have rarely, if at all, been employed during this quarter.			
		Women - - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	Children are not employed at weekly wages, but some boys under 16 are boarded in the farm-houses, at 2 l. 10 s. to 3 l. yearly wages.			
		Children under 16 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -				
578 b. Bedwelty - - -		Men - - -	16 6	22 -	- - -	Not for this period - - -	- - -	The extra allowances apply to the time of the hay or corn harvest, and consist of an allowance of cider or beer, and sometimes bread and cheese; at this time also men can earn from 5 s. 3 d. to 5 s. 6 d. per day, but they must work very hard. These remarks could scarcely affect the three months mentioned above.			
		Women - - -	5 s. to 6 s.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	None employed, as a rule, and if any, for a short time; the same pay is made as in the case of employed women.			
		Children under 16 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -				
580. Newport - - -		Men - - -	13 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	Drink is allowed only in harvest time. Women are not employed generally in out-door work, but when they are employed they get 1 s. a day. Children are only employed as in-door servants.			
		Women - - -	—	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -				
		Children under 16 -	—	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -				
B 4		WALES:									
582 a. Merthyr Tydfil - -		Men - - -	15 -	- - -	15 -	- - -	None - - -	Wages vary considerably, from 12 s. 6 d. to 18 s. and 20 s. weekly. When working with the owners of iron works and coal works (and these are they who employ the largest number) the lowest rate is paid; with other farmers wages would be higher. Few women are employed; those who are are employed on land belonging to iron and coal works, earning 4 s. to 6 s. weekly. Men at yearly wages, get from 15 l. to 22 l.; women, at yearly wages, from 6 l. to 8 l., with their board and lodging, but no extras, except a little beer at harvest time. There is hardly any task-work; when a job is given by task, 15 s. to 16 s. are earned. Women, at harvest time, get 10 d. to 1 s. per day and beer; few employed at any other time. Very few children employed; when employed at picking stones they get 4 d. to 6 d. per day, without food.			
		Women - - -	4 s. to 5 s.	- - -	4 s. to 5 s.	- - -	- - -				
		Children under 16 -	None scarcely employed.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -				
583. Bridgend and Cowbridge		Men - - -	13 s. to 15 s.	18 s. to 21 s.	- - -	None customary except in harvest time	- - -	The return supplied for the Christmas quarter, 1869, is applicable to the subsequent quarters.			
		Women - - -	6 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -				
		Children under 16 -	3 s. to 7 s.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -				
585 b. Gower - - -		Men - - -	12 -	- - -	12 -	- - -	None.				
		Women - - -	6 -	- - -	6 -	- - -	- - -				
		Children under 16 -	None employed.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -				
586. Llanelly - - -		Men - - -	13 6	- - -	- - -	One quart of beer per day in harvest time.	- - -	Men are mostly hired by the year and boarded by the farmer. The average rate may be 18 l. per annum; and for women, similarly hired, 8 l. per annum. The rate of agricultural wages is advancing gradually.			
		Women - - -	6 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -				
		Children under 16 -	5 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -				

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XI.—WELSH—continued.						
WALEM—continued.						
588. Llandilo Fawr - - -	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 - -	<i>s. d.</i> 12 <i>s.</i> to 14 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>s.</i> to 5 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>s.</i> to 4 <i>s.</i>	<i>s. d.</i> - - - - - - - - -	<i>s. d.</i> - - - - - - - - -	When food is provided by the farmers, the weekly wages average 9 <i>s.</i>	In the remote parishes, the weekly wages are about 2 <i>s.</i> less.
589. Carmarthen - - -	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 - -	9 - 3 10 3 10	12 - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	
592. Haverfordwest - - -	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 - -	5 <i>s.</i> to 6 <i>s.</i> with food. 4 - - - Nil.	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	
593. Cardigan - - -	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 - -	8 <i>s.</i> to 9 <i>s.</i> 4 - 4 <i>s.</i> and under.	8 <i>s.</i> to 10 <i>s.</i> - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	In some instances labourers have beneficial holdings at reduced rents from the persons employing them.	When labourers are fed by the farmer, their money wages amount to about 5 <i>s.</i> or 6 <i>s.</i> a week in the case of men, and 2 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> a week in the case of women. Children are paid much the same as women. Wages do not vary much in this district, excepting during harvest time, when they have their food in addition, or an increase of about 5 <i>s.</i> a week. There is but very little task-work in this district.
601. Crickhowell - - -	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 - -	The same as in the previous quarter.				
604. Knighton - - -	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 - -	10 - 5 - 5 -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	An allowance of cider; cottage and garden rent free, and ground to plant three bushels of potatoes.	
622. Conway - - -	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 - -	8 - 6 - 6 -	8 - - - - - - -	8 - 6 - 6 -	Breakfast,—broth, bread and butter and milk; dinner,—flesh meat and potatoes; supper,—bread and milk, and bread and butter, as much as they can eat.	Few children employed, except as hired servants by the year.
						Weekly earnings by task-work are regulated by weekly wages, and the men do not, unless they work over hours, earn more than weekly labourers.

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		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.			
I.—THE METROPOLIS	- - -	No Return.					
II.—SOUTH EASTERN:							
SURREY (Extra Metropolitan):							
37. Epsom	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 - -	No return this quarter	- -	- -	- - - - -	See the particulars returned for each Union in the three previous quarters.	
45. Godstone	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 - -		- -	- -	- - - - -		
KENT (Extra Metropolitan):							
67. Faversham	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 - -	14 - 6 - 5 -	17 - 9 - nil	17 - 9 - nil	- - - nil - - - nil. - - - nil.	The first column represents the amount paid on an average in the union where the parties are employed by the week, and the second where wholly employed at task-work. This return of course only applies to wages given where the parties are at work; for instance, the employment of women only applies to certain portions of the year.	
71. Eassey	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 - -	14 - 6 - 4 -	17 - 8 - 4 -	16 - 7 - 4 -	As a rule, none Ditto - - - - -		
74. Romney Marsh	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 - -						
SUSSEX:							
80. Ticehurst	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 - -	No return this quarter	- -	- -	- - - - -	See the particulars in the previous returns for each Union.	
87. Horsham	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 - -		Average about 12 - 5 - 3 6	Average about 13 - - - - - - -	- - - - - -		- - - none - - - - - - none
89. Thakeham	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 - -		12 - 6 - 3 6	15 - - - - - - -	- - - - - -		Drink in haying. Ditto. - - -

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II.—SOUTH EASTERN—continued.							
Sussex—continued.							
91. West Hampnett - -	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 -	s. d. 12 - 5 - 4 -	s. d. 13 -	- - -	- - - - -	The shepherds and carters have each 2s. a week extra. All have double the amount for the harvest month.	
93. Midhurst - - -	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 -	11 - 1 - 3 -	2 - 6 - 1 -	13 - 1 6 4 -	Not usual in this district, except in haying and harvest. - - - - -		Women's work, except where they wash, very uncertain indeed in this quarter.
SOUTHAMPTON :							
106. South Stoneham - -	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 -	11 6 4 - 3 -	15 - - - - - - -	11 6 4 - 3 -	None; except in the case of carters, who usually have a cottage, rent free. - - - None. - - - None.	It is not the practice in this union to pay weekly wages and to pay for task-work. Occasionally men are paid for task-work instead of weekly wages, and it is believed that in these cases they earn about 15 s. a week by task-work.	
110. Droxford - - -	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 -	11 s. and 12 s. 5 - 5 -	15 -				
113. Alresford - - -	Men - - - Women - - - Boys under 16 -	10 - 4 - 4 -	12 -	- - -	- - - - -		House rent to shepherd and carter.
118. Andover - - -	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 -	11 - 4 - 4 6	13 - - - -	12 - - - -	- - - - -	Very few girls under 16 are employed.	
BERKSHIRE :							
121. Hungerford - - -	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 -	9 - 4 - 3 -	- - - - - - - - -	9 - 4 - 3 -			
122. Faringdon - - -	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 -	10 - 5 - 4 6	15 - 6 - nil	- - - - - - - - -	- - - Nil. - - - Nil. - - - Nil.		
124. Wantage - - -	Men - - - Women - - - Children under 16 -	10 - 4 - 6 -	12 - - - - if daily employed, 6 -	- - - - - - - - -	Each carter has usually two quarts of small beer for himself and plough-boy daily.		

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III. SOUTH MIDLAND :

HERTFORDSHIRE :

140 b. Royston - - - Men - - - 11 6 15 - - - No allowance of food during hay-making ; men get a quart of beer a day, and women a pint. Horsekeepers and shepherds get about 13 s. a week.

Women - - - 4 -

Children - - - 4 - - - - - - - - - The wages of children vary so much according to their ages that it is quite impossible to give any correct average rate.

141. Hitchin - - - Men - - - 11 6 - - - - - Not employed in agriculture.

Women - - - - -

Children under 16—

Boys - - - 4 -

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE :

170. Brixworth - - - Men - - - 12 - 21 -

Women - - - 6 -

Children under 16 - 3 -

174. Oundle - - - Men - - - 11 - 13 s. to 14 s.

Women - - - 4 -

Children under 16 - 2 s. 6 d. to 3 s. 6 d.

175. Peterborough - - - Men - - - 12 - 14 s. to 15 s. - - - Very little beer is allowed, excepting for any extra hard work, such as threshing, drilling, &c., and in many cases money given instead. A labourer's wages for the whole year average 14 s. per week. A man, his wife, and three children can earn during harvest (not including gleanings) about 7 l. 10 s., the man working five weeks, the women and children only with him about two weeks. On most farms each labourer sets half rood of potatoes, taking half the products.

Women - - - 5 -

Children 16 - 8 -

" 14 - 6 -

" 12 - 4 6

" 10 - 3 -

Girls under 16 - from 6 d. to 9 d. daily. There is a great deal of work done in this neighbourhood by gangs of children, and it is difficult to get to know how they are paid, as the gang master or woman are paid by the acre, and they pay the children.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE :

178. Saint Neots - - - Men - - - 10 - 12 -

Women - - - 5 - - - 5 -

Children under 16 - 4 - - - 4 -

BEDFORDSHIRE :

179. Bedford - - - Men - - - 10 s. to 11 s. - - - - - The quarter ending Midsummer is a busy season ; men are very much engaged at piece-work, many earning good wages. But few employed in this union.

Stock Men - - - 12 s. to 14 s. - - -

Women - - - 5 s. to 6 s. - - -

Boys - - - 2 s. 6 d. to 6 s. - - -

182. Woburn - - - Men - - - 10 s. to 11 s. - - - 10 s. to 11 s. Little or no task-work performed in these months, and no other emoluments besides wages.

Women - - - - -

Children under 16 - 4 s. to 5 s. - - - 4 s. to 5 s.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE :

186. Chesterton - - - Men - - - } - - - - - The Guardians have refused information. The return for the first quarter of the series, however, was duly supplied. See No. 371 ante.

Women - - - }

Children under 16 - }

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		Weekly Wages.	Weekly Earnings by Task Work.	Total of Money Earnings.	Allowance of Food or Drink (if any); Description and Quantity; and any other Emoluments besides Wages.	
IV. EASTERN:		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>		
ESSEX:						
199. Billericay - - -	Men - - -	} No return this quarter - - -	- - -	- - -	- - - - - - - - -	According to the returns supplied to the Poor Law Board for the nine months ended with Lady-day 1870, the men's weekly wages ranged from 12 <i>s.</i> to 15 <i>s.</i> ; the women's, 4 <i>s.</i> to 6 <i>s.</i> ; and the children's, 2 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> to 5 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> ; varying with the seasons.
	Women - - -					
	Children under 16 -					
203. Tendring - - -	Men - - -	11 -	2 <i>s.</i> and 3 <i>s.</i>	13 <i>s.</i> and 14 <i>s.</i>	In some cases beer is given, and in those cases a reduction of 1 <i>s.</i> per week is made in the wages, reducing them to 12 <i>s.</i> and 13 <i>s.</i>	
	Women - - -	8 <i>d.</i> to 10 <i>d.</i> per day	- - -	- - -	- - - - - - - - -	Very few women employed.
	Children under 16 -	2 <i>s.</i> to 6 <i>s.</i>	- - -	- - -	- - - - - - - - -	The wages of children increase according to age and capacity.
209. Dunmow - - -	Men - - -	10 -	10 -	- - -	1 <i>s.</i> ; beer.	
	Horsekeepers and waggoners.	12 -	- - -	- - -	1 <i>s.</i> ; beer.	
	Women - - -	3 6	- - -	- - -	- - - - - - - - -	
	Children under 16 -	4 -	- - -	- - -	6 <i>d.</i> ; beer.	
SUFFOLK:						
217. Stow - - -	Men - - -	} No return - - -	- - -	- - -	- - - - - - - - -	See remarks appended to return for the Lady-day quarter.
	Women - - -					
	Children under 16 -					
221. Samford - - -	Men - - -	11 -	Uncertain; not general in union.	11 -	- - - None.	
	Women - - -	4 -	- - -	4 -	- - - - - - - - -	
	Children under 16 -	2 <i>s.</i> to 6 <i>s.</i>	- - -	- - -	- - - - - - - - -	
225. Blything - - -	Men - - -	10 <i>s.</i> and 12 <i>s.</i>	- - -	- - -	But little.	
	Women - - -	4 -	- - -	- - -	- - - - - - - - -	Few women employed.
	Children under 16 -	4 -	- - -	- - -	- - - - - - - - -	
NORFOLK:						
232. Aylsham - - -	Men - - -	10 <i>s.</i> to 12 <i>s.</i>	14 <i>s.</i> to 16 <i>s.</i>	- - -	- - - - - - - - -	The harvest wages were from 5 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> to 6 <i>l.</i> The harvest lasted for three weeks only, so that the labourers are well off this quarter; some of the farmers give beer in harvest. Some women had considerable wages in the harvest, as much as 11 <i>s.</i> to 12 <i>s.</i> ; 10 <i>s.</i> , 5 <i>s.</i> to 6 <i>s.</i>
	Women - - -	3 <i>s.</i> to 4 <i>s.</i>	- - -	- - -	- - - - - - - - -	
	Children under 16 -	2 <i>s.</i> to 3 <i>s.</i>	- - -	- - -	- - - - - - - - -	

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239. Depwade	-	-	-	Men	-	-	10	-	12	-	-	-	Beer for extra hours, threshing, and haymaking, &c.	Average rent of labourers' cottages, with vegetable gardens, 1 s. 6 d. per week.	
				Yardmen, team-men, and shepherds.			1 s. 6 d. to 3 s.	per week extra.							
				Women	-	-	4	-							
				Children under 16	-	-	2 s. to 5 s.								
247. Downham	-	-	-	Men	-	-	10	-	3	-	13	-	- - - None.		
				Women	-	-	5	-	nil	-	5	-	- - - None.		
				Children under 16	-	-	3	-	nil	-	3	-	- - - None.		
V. SOUTH WESTERN:															
WILTS:															
253. Chippenham	-	-	-	Men	-	-	No return	-	-	-	-	-	- - - - -	See particulars given for the previous quarters.	
				Women	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	- - - - -		
				Children under 16	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	- - - - -		
256. Devizes	-	-	-	Men	-	-	Return refused	-	-	-	-	-	- - - - -	The Poor Law Inspector for the district states, that "The Devizes Board of Guardians object to giving the required information."	
				Women	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	- - - - -		
				Children under 16	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	- - - - -		
257. Melksham	-	-	-	Men	-	-	11	-	2	-	13	-	- - - - -	In many cases 1 s., a breakfast, or a dinner, is given to milkers on Sundays.	
				Women	-	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	- - - - -		
				Children under 16	-	-	3 s. to 6 s.	-	-	-	3 s. to 6 s.	-	- - - - -		
260. Warminster	-	-	-	Men	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	Two quarts of ale to each labourer, value 3½ d.	Two shillings per week over the able-bodied labourers, and 20 s. to 50 s. at Michaelmas; and in many cases house rent free, equal to 1 s. 6 d. weekly.	
				Carters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- - - - -		
				Women	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	Two quarts of ale daily, value 3½ d.		
				Children under 16	-	-	4 6	-	-	-	-	-	- - - - -	Boys under 16 are entitled to 10 s. 6 d. to 15 s. at Michaelmas.	
														Many parishes in the union allow potato land free of rent, 20 perches to men; 10 each to women and boys. Land ploughed and put in order for them, and their potatoes carted home gratis. Shepherds have from 1 l. to 2 l. extra for lambing season, and in many cases a fee of one halfpenny each for all the lambs living 1st May, and 1 s. for each double (twin).	
263. Alderbury	-	-	-	Men	-	-	10	-	13	-	-	-	- - - None.		
				Women	-	-	3 6	-	-	-	3 6	-	- - - None.		
				Children under 16	-	-	2 s. to 6 s.	-	-	-	2 s. to 6 s.	-	- - - None.		
DORSET:															
271. Wimborne and Cranbourne.	-	-	-	Men	-	-	Return refused	-	-	-	-	-	- - - - -	See remarks appended to the return for the Lady-day quarter.	
				Women	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	- - - - -	
				Children under 16	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	- - - - -	
272. Poole	-	-	-	Men	-	-	12 s. to 15 s.	-	18	-	-	-	Haytime and harvest, one gallon of beer per day extra, at 8 d. per gallon.	Total abstainers, 6 d. per day instead of beer.	
				Women	-	-	6	-	12	-	-	-	Haytime and harvest, half a gallon per day, at 8 d.	Total abstainers, 3 d. per day instead of beer.	
				Children under 16	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	- - - - -	Carters, 15 s. per week the year round, including house, garden, and manure for potatoes. Working foreman, 20 s. per week, and house, garden, and potato ground, equal to 4 s. per week extra.	

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RETURN OF THE AVERAGE RATE OF WEEKLY EARNINGS OF

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V.—SOUTH WESTERN—continued.		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.		
Dorset—continued.						
273. Wareham and Purbeck -	Men - - -	9 -	13 -	- - -	Cottage, garden, and manure for potato-ground.	In general, fuel as well.
	Women - - -	3 s. to 4 s.				
	Children under 16 -	3 6				
275b. Cerne - - -	Men - - -	10 -	10 -	10 -	- - - - -	House and garden rent free, potato-ground free, and the privilege of purchasing wheat at a cheaper rate per bushel.
	Women - - -	4 6	4 6	4 6		
	Children under 16 -	From 3 s. 6 d. to 7 s. per week.				
DEVONSHIRE:						
279. Axminster - - -	Men - - -	9 -	10 s. to 10 s. 6 d.	- - -	Cider, 3 pints daily.	
	Women - - -	4 -	4 s. to 5 s.	- - -	Cider, 1½ pint daily.	
	Children under 16 -	3 -	3 s. to 4 s.	- - -	Cider, 1½ pint daily.	
291. Okehampton - - -	Men - - -	From 11 s. to 12 s.	From 12 s. to 14 s.	- - -	- - - - -	The men engaged in constant employment will receive from 9 s. to 11 s. in money, and the other portion in cider, potato-ground, &c. Women are rarely constantly employed, having household work to attend to; but when so engaged, either on the farm or washing, receive 8 d. per day and food. Children under 16 are rarely employed, except as in-door servants; but when em- ployed by the day, their wages would be from 2 s. 6 d. to 3 s. per week. The Clerk to the Guardians states, that in purely agricultural districts in this county there is little or no alteration from quarter to quarter in the money pay- ments of constant labourers. Those engaged in task or job work lose time in the winter, in consequence of the state of the weather, but when actually em- ployed, the amount of money payment through the year is about the same.
	Women - - -	8 d. per day	- - -	- - -	- - - - -	
	Children under 16 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - - - -	
293. Tiverton - - -	Men - - -	9 -	1 6	10 6	Two quarts of cider daily. A great portion of their fuel to be had for the cutting thereof. A cottage and garden, in most cases rent-free, and in others at a very small rent, and several other minor privileges.	Eight hours constitute the day's work.
	Women - - -	4 6	- - -	4 6	A quart of cider daily - - -	
	Children under 16— (Living indoors).	1 s. to 2 s. 6 d.	- - -	- - -	Children are mostly living in the farm- houses, and are provided with meat, drink, lodgings, &c.	Very few women will engage in out-door work.
	Ditto (about six shillings.)	3 s. to 4 s.	- - -	- - -	About a quart of cider daily.	

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295. Barnstaple - - -	Men - - -	11 -	None - - -	11 -	None, except as mentioned in Note -	The labourers generally have a cottage and garden at a nominal rent. At harvest time there is an allowance of meat and drink, and sometimes extra wages. No women employed in agriculture, except in very exceptional cases, such as corn or hay harvest. Lads are generally employed as house servants from the time of their first engagement until they are competent to do a full day's work, or commence as a farm labourer, which does not often occur until they are more than 20.
	Women - - -	None employed	- - -	- - -	- - -	
	Children under 16 -	3 s. to 4 s.	- - -	3 s. to 4 s.	- - -	
CORNWALL:						
300. Camelford - - -	Men - - -	11 -	15 -			
	Women - - -	4 6	6 -			
	Children under 16 -	4 -	5 -			
SOMERSET:						
322. Shepton Mallet - - -	Men - - -	10 -	12 -	10 s. or 12 s.	Cocoa and cider, 3 pints a day.	
	Women - - -	5 -	- - -	5 -	None.	
	Children under 16 (Boys).	6 -	- - -	6 -	Cocoa and cider, 1½ pint a day.	
324. Axbridge - - -	Men - - -	10 -	- - -	10 -	No food; 5 pints of cider per diem.	
	Women - - -	5 -	- - -	5 -	Occasionally, when indoors, food and drink.	
	Children under 16 -	3 6	- - -	3 6	2 pints of cider per diem.	
VI.—WEST MIDLAND:						
GLOUCESTERSHIRE:						
335. Newent - - -	Men - - -	10 -	- - -	10 -	3 quarts of cider daily - - -	See remarks in former Returns, which apply to this quarter also.
	Women - - -	4 6	- - -	4 6		
	Children under 16 -	4 s. to 5 s.	- - -	4 s. to 5 s.		
338. Stroud - - -	Men - - -	10 s. to 12 s.	20 -	- - -	4 quarts of beer a day - - -	Men hired for the year often have a cottage and garden.
	Women - - -	6 -				
	Children under 16 -	5 -				
342. Stow-on-the-Wold - - -	Men - - -	9 6	12 -	- - -	- - -	No material alteration in the rate of earnings, as compared with previous quarters.
	Women - - -	4 -				
	Children under 16 -	3 6				
344. Cheltenham - - -	Men - - -	10 -	12 -	- - -	2 quarts of cider daily - - -	No material alteration from last quarter, ending Lady-day 1870.
	Women - - -	5 -				
	Children under 16 -	4 s. to 5 s.				
HEREFORDSHIRE:						
346. Ledbury - - -	Men - - -	11 -	- - -	- - -	2 quarts of cider daily - - -	An increase of 1 s. weekly in labourers' wages upon the previous quarter may be reckoned.
	Women - - -	4 6				
	Children under 16 -	4 -				
348a. Hereford - - -	Men - - -	9 s. to 10 s.	2 -	11 s. to 12 s.	2 to 3 quarts of cider a day - - -	There is no material alteration in the rate of wages from previous Returns in this district.
	Women - - -	4 -	- - -	4 -	1 quart of cider a day.	
	Children under 16 -	3 s. to 6 s.	- - -	3 s. to 6 s.	1 quart of cider a day.	
350. Bromyard - - -	Men - - -	12 -	15 -	- - -	Cider is allowed, and valued at 2 s.	
	Women - - -	5 -	None - - -	- - -	Cider allowed, value 10 d.	
	Children under 16 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	So varies, it is impossible to average it.

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VI.—WEST MIDLAND—continued.						
SHROPSHIRE:						
357. Shifnal - - -	Men - - -	11 s. to 12 s.	Harvest month, 21 s. per week and beer.	- - -	House and garden, rent free; two quarts of beer daily; and 10 rods of potatoo ground free.	The 11 s. to 12 s. per week, with house rent, &c., is quite equal to 17 s. 6 d. per week, the amount paid by the Railway Company for the labourers on their line in this union.
	Women - - -	4 6	7 s. 6 d. for harvest.			
	Children under 16 -	6 s. to 8 s.				
359. Atcham - - -	Men - - -	No alteration from last report.				
	Women - - -					
	Children under 16 -					
STAFFORDSHIRE:						
375. Burton-upon-Trent -	Men - - -	13 -	16 -	Average. 14 6	Men are usually allowed two quarts of ale and four quarts of small beer per day when mowing and getting harvest, at other times two quarts of small beer only.	Some masters give their labourers food in harvest time, but this is much varied ; also in some of the northern parishes of this union men labourers are allowed 8 s. per week and all their maintenance for the summer or harvest quarter, and 6 s. per week and all their maintenance during the other three quarters of the year. This is a bad principle, as the wives and families are very bad off under this arrangement.
	Women - - -	5 -	6 -	5 6	Women are usually allowed a quart of beer and some ale in harvest time ; at other times there is no ale or beer allowance.	
	Children under 16 -	3 6	- none -	3 6	Seldom any food, but a small quantity of beer.	
N.B.—The employment and remuneration varies so much that it is difficult to come to any correct statement; the opinion of a great number of farmers is that the above is an average return for this union.						

181.	383. Stourbridge	Men	12 -	12 s. to 10 s.	13 4	Beer allowed, and waggoners and shepherds have house and garden free.	No alteration in the wages paid since the previous Returns.
		Women	5 -	6 s. to 8 s.	6 4		
		Children under 16	none.				
	389. Evesham	Men	10 -	12 -	- -	- - - - -	The earnings of all classes of agricultural labourers, for the quarter ended at Midsummer last, are very much the same as the previous quarter.
		Women	4 -	- - -	4 -		
		Children under 16	2 6	- - -	2 6		
	390. Pershore	Men	10 s. to 12 s.	10 s. to 13 s.	- -	- - - - -	The wages in this union continue so much the same that it is only necessary to refer to the Return made for the Lady-day quarter of this year. It usually happens that there is plenty of employment, and that men are scarce in the summer and autumn quarters of the year, but this year such has not been the case, and although wages have continued much the same, yet many cannot get work. This is attributable in a great measure to the low price of corn, and the excessive dry summer, which has been more loss to the farmers than is made up by the advance in the price of meat, so that all things considered, they have no money to lay out in improvement, but have difficulty to find sufficient just to keep their farms in fair order.
		Women	4 s. to 5 s.	5 s. to 6 s.			
		Children under 16	2 s. to 4 s.				
	391. Droitwich	Men	10 -	11 s. to 15 s.	- -	- - - - -	No material alteration in the rate of wages; but, if anything, there has been a scarcity of labourers.
		Women	4 s. to 5 s.				
		Children under 16	3 s. to 6 s.				
D WARWICKSHIRE:							
	403. Warwick	Men	15 -	Not usual, except during the wheat harvest.	15 -	Out of practice except during corn harvest.	
		Women	6 -	- - -	6 -		
		Children under 16	4 -	- - -	4 -		
	404. Stratford-on-Avon	Men	11 -	- - -	- -	When beer allowed daily, 1 s. per week less wages.	Waggoners and shepherds 3 s. a week more.
		Women	2 8	- - -	- -	- - - - -	Four days a week, at 8 d. per day, is the average amount of their earnings.
		Children under 16	3 6				
VII.—NORTH MIDLAND:							
LEICESTERSHIRE:							
	413. Market Bosworth	Men	13 -	Variable from 15 s. to 20 s.	- -	- - - none - - -	The men usually employed, if allowed food or drink, have not task. The employment of women is precarious, as to weather, &c. The same as to children, sometimes only half employed.
		Women	4 s. to 5 s.	none.			
		Children	3 s. to 4 s.				
	418. Melton Mowbray	Men	No return	- - -	- -	- - - - -	According to the previous returns, the men's weekly wages ranged between 12 s. and 14 s. during the nine months ended with Lady-day; the women's from 3 s. 6 d. to 6 s.; and the children's from 3 s. to 3 s. 6 d., during the half-year ended at Christmas.
		Women		- - -	- -		
		Children under 16		- - -	- -		

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RETURN OF THE AVERAGE RATE OF WEEKLY EARNINGS OF

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		Weekly Wages.	Weekly Earnings by Task Work.	Total of Money Earnings.	Allowance of Food or Drink (if any); Description and Quantity; and any other Emoluments besides Wages.							
VII.—NORTH MIDLAND—continued.												
RUTLANDSHIRE:		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.								
419. Oakham - - -	Men - - -	13 -	Very little done	- -	Drink allowed when hay gathering, but no definite quantity.	The wages of agricultural labourers vary very little in this district. The casual labourer who works at task or piece-work does not average more than others, owing to loss of time, &c. This season has been an exceptional one, there has been great scarcity of labour in consequence of the drought, there being very little hay to gather.						
	Women - - -	- - -	- - -	- -	- - - - - - - -		There has not been any employment for women this season; they are very little employed at any time in this neighbourhood.					
	Children under 16 -	3 s. to 6 s.	- - -	- -	- - - - - - - -			Boys are tolerably well employed as a rule, but the average of their wages is very low.				
LINCOLNSHIRE:												
431. Louth - - -	Men - - -	13 s. 6 d. to 15 s.	- - -	- -	- - - - - - - -	During harvest, men at piece-work earn from 5 s. to 8 s. per day; if by the week, 30 s., for about 3 month, and 2 s. 6 d. per week is allowed instead of beer; women earn from 2 s. to 2 s. 6 d. per day, and boys from 4 s. 6 d. to 12 s. per week according to age. During turnip hoeing, men at piece-work earn 3 s. per day, and boys from 3 s. to 8 s. per week.						
	Women - - -	1 s. per day.	- - -	- -	- - - - - - - -							
	Children under 16 -	3 s. to 8 s.	- - -	- -	- - - - - - - -							
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE:												
442. Newark - - -	Men - - -	12 s. to 15 s.	15 s. to 18 s.			This Union declined to give the information.						
	Women - - -	4 s. 6 d. to 6 s.	9 -									
	Children under 16 -	4 s. to 4 s. 6 d.	4 s. to 5 s.									
DERBYSHIRE:												
447a. Ashbourne - - -	Men - - -	No return this quarter	-	-	-	-	See the return for Lady-day 1870.					
	Women - - -											
	Children under 16 -											
449. Bakewell - - -	Men - - -											
	Women - - -											
	Children under 16 -											
VIII.—NORTH WESTERN:												
CHESHIRE:												
455. Runcorn - - -	Men - - -	15 -	- - -	15 -	One pint of beer, and bread and cheese, once a day.	- - ditto.						
	Women - - -	9 -	- - -	9 -								
	Children under 16 -	4 6	- - -	4 6								

458. Nantwich - - -	Men - - -	12 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	Task-work is principally confined to harvest time, getting up potatoes, and hedging and ditching, consequently there is little or no task-work done during this quarter. Very few women are employed on the land.
	Women - - -	6 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
	Children under 16 -	1 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
459c. Hawarden - - -	Men - - -	15 -	- - -	15 -	- - -	- - -	Breakfast, dinner, and supper, with the servants at the farm.
	Women - - -	6 -	- - -	6 -	- - -	- - -	
	Children under 16 -	6 -	- - -	6 -	- - -	- - -	
LANCASHIRE:							
464. Ormskirk - - -	Men - - -	15 -	Little or none; say about 18 s.	- - -	- - -	- - -	Task-work during this quarter is quite the exception, it may be generally said there is none. Large quantities of hay grass used to be cut by task-work, but the machines have supplanted this.
		Yearly, 14 l. to 20 l.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
	Women - - -	7 s. 6 d. to 9 s.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
	Children under 16 -	6 s. to 9 s.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
479. Clitheroe - - -	Men - - -	15 s., 16 s. 6 d. to 18 s.	20 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	No allowance for drink except in hay harvest.
(1st Return).		Average, 16 s. 6 d.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
	Women - - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
	Children under 16 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
479. Clitheroe - - -	Men - - -	15 -	15 -	15 -	- - -	- - -	No women employed in agricultural work in this union.
(2nd Return, from another part of the Union).	Women - - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
	Children under 16 -	7 -	7 -	7 -	- - -	- - -	
484. Garstang - - -	Men - - -	8 -	17 -	- - -	Rations allowed - - -	- - -	The farmers generally take their meals with the servants; no allowance of food or drink to servants employed at task-work.
	Women - - -	4 6	9 6	- - -	- - ditto - - -	- - -	- - ditto - - - ditto.
	Children under 16 -	3 -	Not any of this class.	- - -	- - ditto - - -	- - -	- - ditto - - - ditto.
IX.—YORKSHIRE:							
WEST RIDING:							
488. Settle - - -	Men - - -	15 s. to 18 s.	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	Day labourers without food, from 15 s. to 18 s. a week. Farm servants under a yearly hiring, with food and lodging, from 7 s. to 10 s. a week.
	Women - - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
	Children under 16 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
490. Pateley Bridge - -	Men - - -	15 -	- - -	15 -	- - - None.	- - -	
	Women - - -	6 -	- - -	6 -	- - - None.	- - -	
	Children under 16 -	5 -	- - -	5 -	- - - None.	- - -	
510. Doncaster - - -	Men - - -	15 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	No emoluments. Commence work at six o'clock in the morning, and leave off at six o'clock in the evening. Work not regular.
	Women - - -	6 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - ditto.
	Children under 16 -	6 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
511. Thorne - - -	Men - - -	15 -	- - -	15 -	- - - Nil - - -	- - -	Task-work is very rarely resorted to in this union; however, in all cases of task-work during this quarter, an agricultural labourer will earn at least 18 s. weekly, on an average. A woman and one child, under 16 years of age, are considered nearly, if not altogether, equal to a man.
	Women - - -	5 -	- - -	5 -	- - - Nil.	- - -	
	Children under 16 -	4 -	- - -	4 -	- - - Nil.	- - -	

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		Weekly Wages.	Weekly Earnings by Task Work.	Total of Money Earnings.	Allowance of Food or Drink (if any); Description and Quantity; and any other Emoluments besides Wages.		
IX.—YORKSHIRE--continued.							
NORTH RIDING:		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.			
526. Malton - - -	Men - - -	8 -	- - -	8 -	Beef, mutton, and bacon, with vegetables; meat and fruit pies; bread and milk, and beer, three times daily; quantity of food, &c., unlimited.	This quarter of the year is one in which men get a full average wage, and full employment. Women and children are not employed in task-work, but have more regular employment in this quarter of the year than at any other time.	
	Men - - -	- - -	15 6	15 6	Without food - - -		
	Women - - -	6 -	- None - -	6 -	- - ditto - - -		
	Children under 16 -	3 6	- None - -	3 6	- - ditto - - -		
536. Leyburn - - -	Men - - -	18 -	- Not known -	18 -	} Not known.	None employed.	
	Women - - -	6 -	- - -	6 -			
	Children under 16 -	4 -	- - -	4 -			
539. Richmond - - -	Men - - -	15 -	- - -	15 -	- - - None.		
	Women - - -	5s. to 6s.	- - -	5s. to 6s.	- - - None.		
	Children under 16 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - - - -		
X.—NORTHERN:							
DURHAM:							
540. Darlington - - -	Men - - -	15 -	- - -	- - -	House-rent free, and potatoes for use of family, and allowance of beer and meat during harvest.	Task-work not usual.	
	Women - - -	6 -	- - -	- - -			
	Children under 16 -	5 -	- - -	- - -			
541c. Sedgefield - - -	Men - - -	17 -	- None - -	17 -	Some employers make an allowance of wheat and potatoes in addition to wages to such of the men as are employed as hinds and live on the farms. The hinds also have their houses rent free, and coals led without charge.		
	Women - - -	6 -	- None - -	6 -			
	Children under 16 -	3 6	- None - -	3 6			

RETURN OF THE AVERAGE RATE OF WEEKLY EARNINGS OF

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NORTHUMBERLAND :														
558. Morpeth	-	-	-	Men	-	-	-	15 s. to 16 s.	-	-	-	15 s. to 16 s.	House and garden free; coals led; and about 60 stones of potatoes.	When employed on ordinary work, 2s. a day during harvest.
				Women	-	-	-	1 s. a day	-	-	-	-	-	
				Children under 16	-	-	-	About 1 s. per day	-	-	-	-	-	
561. Berwick-on-Tweed	-			Men	-	-	-	15 -	-	-	-	15 -	-	This refers to those who are hired by the year, commonly designated "hinds." In the majority of cases it is chiefly paid in corn, cows, grass, &c., and which necessarily varies very much on different farms.
				Women	-	-	-	6 -	-	-	-	6 -	-	
				Children under 16	-	-	-	3 s. to 4 s.	-	-	-	3 s. to 4 s.	-	
562. Glendale	-	-	-	Men	-	-	-	15 -	-	-	-	-	-	
				Women	-	-	-	6 -	-	-	-	-	-	10d. to 1 s. per day; employment dependent upon weather.
				Children under 16	-	-	-	3 s. 6 d. to 4 s.	-	-	-	-	-	6d. to 1 s. according to age and ability; employment dependent upon weather.
CUMBERLAND :														
566. Brampton	-	-	-	Men	-	-	-	15 s. to 18 s.	-	-	-	-	} Very little food is allowed in this district.	
				Women	-	-	-	6 s. to 7 s. 6 d.	-	-	-	-		
				Children under 16	-	-	-	3 s. to 6 s.	-	-	-	-		
D 3 569. Wigton	-	-	-	Men	-	-	-	15 -	-	-	-	15 -	When no food is allowed. When food is allowed, viz.: breakfast, porridge and milk; dinner, flesh meat and potatoes; supper, porridge and milk or tea.	
								9 -				9 -		
				Women	-	-	-	7 6	-	-	-	7 6	It is not customary to give food to women labourers. No food allowed.	
				Children under 16	-	-	-	4 6	-	-	-	4 6		
572. Bootle	-	-	-	Men	-	-	-	9 -	-	-	-	9 -	Ordinary diet of farm servants.	
				Women	-	-	-	7 -	-	-	-	7 -	- ditto.	
				Children under 16	-	-	-	3 -	-	-	-	3 -	- ditto.	
WESTMORELAND :														
573. East Ward	-	-	-	Men	-	-	-	16 6	-	-	-	16 6	Without food -	Very little task-work in this union.
				Women	-	-	-	9 -	-	-	-	9 -	- ditto -	Except at hay and harvest times women and children are seldom employed as agricultural labourers in this union.
				Children under 16	-	-	-	2 s. 3 d. to 2 s. 6 d.	-	-	-	2 s. 3 d. to 2 s. 6 d.	Few children are employed except in the house with food.	
575. Kendal	-	-	-	Men	-	-	-	18 -	-	-	-	18 -	Without food.	None regularly employed.
				Women	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
				Children under 16	-	-	-	5 -	-	-	-	5 -	With food.	

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XI.—WELSH :						
MONMOUTHSHIRE :						
577. Monmouth - - -	Men - - -	s. d. 11 -	s. d. 15 -	s. d. - -	Two quarts of cider a day, equal to 2s. a week.	There has been no material alteration in the average weekly earnings of agricultural labourers since the Lady-day quarter.
	Women - - -	—				
	Children under 16 -	—				
578 b. Bedwellty - - -	Men - - -	15 -	18 -	- -	- - - Nil. - - -	During this period agricultural labourers are engaged preparing for sowing seeds and turnips, when no extra allowances are made ; a little draining is done, but cultivation of land is generally finished by this time, and extras will follow during the next three months.
	Women - - -	6 -	7 -	- -	- - - Nil.	
	Children under 16 -	- - -	- - -	- -	- - - Nil.	
580. Newport - - -	Men - - -	13 -	- - -	- -	- - - - - - -	The previous return may be taken as a correct one for this quarter also. Women, when employed, get 1s. a day. Children are only employed as in-door servants.
	Women - - -	—				
	Children under 16 -	—				
WALES :						
582 a. Merthyr Tydfil - -	Men - - -	15 -	- - -	15 -	- - - - - - -	No alteration from the rates set out in previous return. Wages vary considerably, from 12s. 6d. to 18s. and 20s. weekly. Few women employed, those who are, earn from 4s. to 6s. weekly ; women at harvest time earn 10d. to 1s. a day, and beer. Children get 4d. to 6d. a day at stone picking ; few children em- ployed.
	Women - - -	4s. to 6s.	- - -	4s. to 6s.	- - - - - - -	
	Children under 16 -	2s. to 3s.	- - -	2s. to 3s.	- - - - - - -	
583. Bridgend and Cowbridge	Men - - -	13s. to 15s.	18s. to 21s.	- -	- - - - - - -	No material alteration in wages since last quarter.
	Women - - -	6 -				
	Children under 16 -	3s. to 7s.				
585 b. Gower - - -	Men - - -	12 -	- - -	- -	- - - None - - -	The average weekly earnings of agricultural labourers for the quarter ended at Midsummer, are precisely the same as for the previous quarter.
	Women - - -	6 -				
	Children under 16 -	None employed.				

181.	586. Llanelly	Men	13 6	-	-	-	One quart of beer daily in harvest time	There has been no material alteration in wages in the past Midsummer quarter.
		Women	6 -	-	-	-	-	
		Children under 16	5 -	-	-	-	-	
	588. Llandilo-fawr	Men	12 s. to 14 s.	-	-	-	-	No alteration from former returns; when food is provided by the farmers, the weekly wages average 9 s.
		Women	4 s. to 5 s.	-	-	-	-	
		Children under 16	3 s. to 4 s.	-	-	-	-	
	589. Carmarthen	Men	9 -	12 -	-	-	-	There is no alteration in the average weekly earnings of agricultural labourers in the Midsummer quarter, as compared with the previous quarters.
		Women	3 10	-	-	-	-	
		Children under 16	3 10	-	-	-	-	
	592. Haverfordwest	Men	5 s. to 6 s. with food.	-	-	-	-	No material alteration in wages up to Midsummer last.
		Women	4 -	-	-	-	-	
		Children under 16	Nil.	-	-	-	-	
D 4	593. Cardigan	Men	9 s. to 11 s.	Very little task-work.	-	-	The labourers in many places have their food in addition during harvest time.	The wages do not vary much throughout the year, excepting during corn harvest, when they generally have their food, and in hay harvest, at 3 s. a day on their own finding when mowing hay; if they do not have their food during corn harvest, they get an additional 1 s. a day, or thereabouts.
		Women	4 s. to 6 s.	-	-	-	-	
		Children under 16	4 -	-	-	-	-	
	601. Crickhowell	Men	12 s. to 13 s.	-	-	-	- None - - -	Men have 6 s. to 9 s. with living.
		Women	5 s. to 6 s.	-	-	-	- None.	
		Children under 16	- - -	-	-	-	Living only.	
	604. Knighton	Men	10 -	-	-	-	An allowance of cider, cottage and garden rent free, and ground to plant three bushels of potatoes.	No alteration since last return.
		Women	5 -	-	-	-	-	
		Children under 16	5 -	-	-	-	-	
	622. Conway	Men	9 -	15 -	-	-	As much as they can eat. Butcher's meat, porridge, and bread and milk.	When working by task they earn on average 2 s. 6 d. per day, but do not get their food given them.
		Women	6 -	-	-	6 -	Butcher's meat, tea, porridge, and bread and milk.	
		Children under 16	1 -	9 -	-	-	-	
							Weeding, and drawing turnips.	

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