

Appendix C Seasonal Distribution of Dated Harvest Tasks per Region and Proportional Monthly Redistribution of Undated 'Harvest Time' Tasks

C.1. Dated harvest tasks

Harvest type per month	Corn harvest						Hay harvest				Combined	
	In 'harvest time'	In 'corn harvest time'	Harvest tasks	Reap and shear tasks	Total	%	In 'haytime'	Mow grass/ make hay tasks	Total	%	Combined Total	Total %
All tasks												
July	2	4	0	0	6	6	3	34	37	68.5	43	27.9
Aug	34	5	10	5	54	54	4	7	11	20.4	65	42.2
Sept	16	2	4	11	33	33	4	2	6	11.1	39	25.3
Oct	7	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	0.0	7	4.5
Total	59	11	14	16	100	100	11	43	54	100	154	100
South-west tasks												
July	0	4	0	0	4	12.9	3	18	21	70.0	25	41.0
Aug	8	5	2	2	17	54.8	0	5	5	16.7	22	36.1
Sept	0	0	2	8	10	32.3	2	2	4	13.3	14	23.0
Oct	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	8	9	4	10	31	100	5	25	30	100	61	100
East tasks												
July	2	0	0	0	2	4.7	0	11	11	91.7	13	23.6
Aug	15	0	2	0	17	39.5	0	1	1	8.3	18	32.7
Sept	14	0	1	2	17	39.5	0	0	0	0.0	17	30.9
Oct	7	0	0	0	7	16.3	0	0	0	0.0	7	12.7
Total	38	0	3	2	43	100	0	12	12	100	55	100
North tasks												
July	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	5	5	41.7	5	13.2
Aug	11	0	6	3	20	76.9	4	1	5	41.7	25	65.8
Sept	2	2	1	1	6	23.1	2	0	2	16.7	8	21.1
Oct	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	13	2	7	4	26	100	6	6	12	100	38	100

C.2. *Monthly redistribution of undated ‘harvest time’ tasks*

Harvest type per month	Corn harvest		Hay harvest		Combined
	Monthly proportions (%) ^a	Redistributed tasks done in ‘harvest time’	Monthly proportions (%) ^a	Redistributed tasks done in ‘haytime’	Total tasks
All tasks					
July	9.4	32	70.2	40	72
Aug	52.9	180	21.0	12	192
Sept	33.2	113	8.8	5	119
Oct	4.4	15	0.0	0	15
Total	100	340	100.1	57	397
South-west tasks					
July	12.9	27	70.0	15	43
Aug	54.8	116	16.7	4	120
Sept	32.3	68	13.3	3	71
Oct	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Total	100	212	100	22	234
East tasks					
July	4.7	4	91.7	18	23
Aug	39.5	37	8.3	2	38
Sept	39.5	37	0.0	0	37
Oct	16.3	15	0.0	0	15
Total	100	93	100	20	113
North tasks					
July	0.0	0	41.7	6	6
Aug	76.9	27	41.7	6	33
Sept	23.1	8	16.7	3	11
Oct	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Total	100	35	100	15	50

^a. Redistribution done on a regional basis according to harvest type, using the corresponding monthly proportions from Table C.1. Due to the different sizes of the regional samples, the monthly proportions for All Tasks do not align in C.1 and C.2.

Notes: As discussed in Section 4.1, tasks described as happening in a ‘harvest time’ but otherwise undated have been assigned to specific months (July–October) based on the monthly proportions of harvest tasks for which we do have date data (C.1). Because regional seasonality differed, the monthly redistribution of ‘harvest time’ tasks (C.2) was done separately for the grain harvest and the hay harvest for each region based on the respective proportions in C.1. Certain principles were followed: tasks from the same case were assigned to the same month, tasks like ‘haymaking’ would be more likely to be assigned to July than September, while a task occurring ‘late in the corn harvest’ would be assigned to September over July. Additional to these harvest tasks, 25 undated tasks happening ‘in Lent’ were assigned to February (9), March (12), and April (4) based on when Lent fell that year. Other seasonal designations (spring, summer, winter) were too broad or nebulous in early modern convention to justify similar monthly redistributions.