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FARMING

Source 1. Men, women and children at harvest-time, Steyning

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Source 2. Men and women at harvest-time, Worthing

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Source 3. Farmer at harvest time, West Sussex

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Source 4. Shepherd with sheep near Amberley, c1900

Source 5. Sheep-washing in the River Arun at Burpham, c1910

Source 6. Sheep-washing in the River Arun at Burpham, c1910

Source 7. Graph showing the number of people working in farming in Sussex, 1841-1901

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Source 1. Fishermen and holidaymakers on the beach, Worthing, 1849

Source 2. Fishermen and holidaymakers on the beach, Worthing, 1849

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Source 3. Fishermen selling their catch on the beach, Worthing c1900

Source 4. Lobster fishermen off Shoreham, c1860

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Source 6a. Extract from a newspaper article about fishing in 1897

Source 6b. Graph using figures from the newspaper article.

Fish sent by railway from Sussex fishing ports in 1897

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Worthing is a sea-port and market town...56 miles south from London, 20 east from Chichester, and 10 west from Brighton ...within a mile of the South Down hills.

...The mackerel fishery in the spring, and that for herrings in autumn, are pursued from this port with spirit, and great quantities of the former fish are despatched to the London market.

In the fishing season, the beach is a frequently a very lively scene. Thousands of mackerel are brought to shore and packed up in baskets for the London market. Sometimes thirty or forty smacks, that have had a good take and are laden with fish, come in at the same time, and then the bustle is extreme. All hands instantly set to work...carrying, counting, washing, and packing mackerel.

FISHING BOATS.-The fishery of Worthing has undergone a great change, and the fishermen, who were once a money-getting and thriving class of men, have, through the altered character of the seasons and the diminished quantity of fish taken, been very materially reduced in circumstances. The fishing trade is chiefly confined to mackerel and herrings, of which large quantities are brought to shore in the seasons.
## MARKET GARDENING

Source 1. 1901 census extracts for Ham Road

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Source 1b. Typed transcript of 1a.
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Source 2. Map of Worthing showing the Ham Lane area, 1896

Source 3. View from Ham bridge (now East Worthing) station, 1906

Source 4. Inside a building in Worthing, c1900

Source 5. The Newmans on their market garden near Windsor Road, Worthing, c1895

Source 6. The Newmans shop, 34 Richmond Road, Worthing, c1895

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Source 7a.

**Worthing Souvenir, Diamond Jubilee, 1897**

A NEW INDUSTRY - CULTURE OF FRUIT AND FLOWERS

Facility of transmission to the London and other markets has brought...an industry of which no one seemed to have any thought twenty-five years ago. In the cultivation of grapes, tomatoes, cucumbers, and flowers, a large number of persons are employed, and the glass houses in which the produce is reared and brought to perfection are estimated to extend, if placed end to end, fully fourteen miles.

Tons of fruit are sent daily to Covent Garden and to the markets of Birmingham, Manchester, and even Glasgow and Edinburgh. The fertility of the soil and the salubrity of the climate are proved by the fact that fruit can be ripened three weeks earlier in Worthing than in the neighbourhood of London...The industry is one in which the inhabitants of the borough may justly feel pride, ...as it has done, and is doing, a great deal in furtherance of the prosperity of the town.

**Sussex Daily News, February 26 1906**

The London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company caters for two special Sussex industries, the chicken fatting of Heathfield and Uckfield, and the Worthing fruit industry...

In the fruit traffic, rapidity is as great a necessity as economy, so these products are sent by passenger train and are delivered at Covent Garden within a few hours of being picked at Worthing or Lancing...Mushrooms, grapes, strawberries, cucumbers, and cut flowers vie with tomatoes in the traffic...

In 1892 the tonnage on this Worthing traffic amounted to 492 tons during the year; in 1895 it had grown to 920 tons to London and 174 tons to towns beyond London.....