**ECONOMICS OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION**

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| **BREAD AND THE WAGE EARNERS BUDGET\*** | | | |
| **Occupation** | **Effective Daily Wage in Sous\*\*** | **Expenditure on Bread as percentage of income with bread priced at:** | |
| *gs* (Aug 1788) | *14s* (Feb-July 1789) |
| Laborer in Reveillon wallpaper works | 15 | 60 | 97 |
| Builders Laborer | 18 | 50 | 80 |
| Journeyman mason | 24 | 37 | 60 |
| Journeyman, locksmith, carpenter, etc. | 30 | 30 | 48 |
| Sculptor, goldsmith | 60 | 15 | 24 |
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| \*The price of the 4 pound loaf consumed daily by workingman and his family as the main element in their diet | | | |
| \*\*Effective wage represents the daily wage adjusted for 121 days of nonwork per calendar year for religious observation, etc. | | | |
| **Average Price of a Hectoliter (100 liters) of wheat in France** | | | |
| 1730 | | 9.5 francs | |
| 1750 | | 14.5 francs | |
| 1770 | | 19.8 francs | |
| 1789 | | 21.0 francs | |
| **Price of 100 kilograms of Wheat in Paris, 1770-1790** | | | |
| 1770 | | 25 francs | |
| 1775 | | 20 francs | |
| 1780 | | 17 francs | |
| 1785 | | 19 francs | |
| 1789 | | 29 francs | |
| 1790 | | 27 francs | |