

Commodity Prices

In 1795 the British £ was valued at \$4.44 in Federal money.

Rates from Jared Lane's ledger – Salisbury, 1779-1784

- 1779** 30 dollars was equal to 1 silver dollar.
5,300 dollars was equal to £ 70/13/4
- 1781** \$10.00 Massachusetts = 5 dollars hard money = £2/0/0
The rate of the colonial dollar to the £ was 24:1
Example: 273 lbs. of deerskins @ 12dollars = 2,844 dollars, which was equal to £56/17/7

1 guinea and 2 dollars was equal to £2/13/4
1 bu. Wheat cost 20 dollars, or £ 0/7/0 or 0/6/0 (depending on season.)
1 bu. Rye cost 12 dollars.
1 bu. Corn cost 10 dollars, or £ 0/6/0
1 bu. Oats cost 5 dollars

1816 Colebrook prices (Eben North)

- Shad were .21¢ each.
- 1817** 1000 bushels of charcoal cost \$40.00
- 1818** 125 bushels charcoal delivered cost \$6.25
- 1819** new scythe from Winsted cost \$1.17
weaving 17 yards of linen cloth cost \$1.42
- 1820** sleigh to New Haven, \$1.56
- 1821** carting cider to the still, .34¢
a note stating that £1/18/5 was equal to \$6.41.
- 1822** 1 bu. Potatoes cost .25¢
- 1825** 5 glasses of rum cost .20¢
7 lbs. shingle nails cost .87¢
- 1826** 1 new scythe blade, ground - \$1.25
- 1827** ½ cord of four-foot wood, .67¢
carting 2,550 bricks to Norfolk from Rowley's \$7.65
carting a load of boards from A. Phelps' sawmill to Norfolk \$1.25
- 1828** carting 500 bricks from Rowley's, \$1.00
- 1829** 23 lbs. tallow, \$2.30
- 1832** hooping a barrel and putting the head in, .50¢
- 1834** 1 large dunghill fowl (Guinea hen) .25¢
making bed rope, head and foot rope, \$1.18
- 1839** making two bedropes @ .50¢

1818 Estate of S.W. Sage, dec'd. Sept. 2 1818 (in £, shillings and pence.)

1 pot	8/6
1 kettle	6/6
1 spider	4/
1 skillet	3/

1 pair of tongs	10/6
1 dozen p. [?] plates	4/
1 set blue ware with cup	15/6
1 pair hand dogs	10/
1 ¼ yards of white crape	<u>6/6</u>
	£ 3/10/1

1819 Account with Alpha Sage's store:

1 silk handkerchief	6/10
1 pair suspenders	2/6
1 sythe snath	1/6
1 hat case	<u>3/</u>
	13/10