1. Record Nr. UNINA9910254761303321 Autore Verdon Nicola Titolo Working the Land: A History of the Farmworker in England from 1850 to the Present Day / / by Nicola Verdon London:,: Palgrave Macmillan UK:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan,, Pubbl/distr/stampa 2017 **ISBN** 9781137316745 1137316748 Edizione [1st ed. 2017.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XIV, 284 p.) 941 Disciplina Great Britain - History Soggetti Social history Labor History History, Modern History of Britain and Ireland Social History Labor History Modern History Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes index. Note generali Nota di contenuto Chapter 1: Introduction: The farmworker past and present -- Part I: The Victorian and Edwardian farmworker -- Chapter 2: The Farm Servant --Chapter 3: The Agricultural Labourer -- Chapter 4: The Casual and Seasonal Workforce -- Part II: The farmworker in the century after 1914 -- Chapter 5: The First World War -- Chapter 6: The Inter-war Years --Chapter 7: The Second World War -- Chapter 8: The Post-war Years --Chapter 9. Conclusion: Modern Day Agriculture. . Sommario/riassunto This book offers a new history of the farmworker in England from 1850 to the present day. It focuses on the paid worker, considering how the experiences of farm work - the work performed, wages earned and conditions of hiring – were shaped by gender, age and region. Combining data extracted from statistical sources with personal and

autobiographical accounts, it places the individual farmworker back

into a broader collective history. Beginning in the mid-Victorian era, when farmworkers were the most numerically significant occupational group in England, it considers the impact of economic, technological and social change on the scale and nature of farm work over the next hundred and fifty years, whilst also highlighting the continuation of some practices, including the use of casual and migrant workers to perform low-paid, seasonal work. Written in a lively and accessible manner, this book will appeal to those with an interest in rural history, gender history and modern British history.