

A5 Farmhands

Most of the Roma in Central Europe worked as agricultural labourers on big estates and as seasonal farmhands helping smaller farmers with the harvest. In the districts of Prešov and Košice in eastern Slovakia, the Roma accounted for a high percentage of the rural population. They have lived in this region for centuries.



1910

1951

1930-40

💡 Did you know

... that in Central and Eastern Europe many farm workers were not paid in money but with food?

... that in exchange for their work they were sometimes allowed to build their houses on their employer's estate or on common land in the village?

✎ For you to do

Describe what the people in the photo are doing. What kind of work do children do in your country? What is the law with regard to such work?

📷 The photo

"All helping with the preparations ..." Photo of a family making bricks in East Slovakia. Prešov District Museum, Slovakia.



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