

The Black Death

The **Black Death** (bubonic plague) had a huge impact on society. Fields went **unploughed** as the men who usually did this were victims of the **disease**. Harvests would not have been brought in as the **ploughs** did not work. **Animals** would have been lost as the people in **charge** would not have been around to tend them.

Therefore whole villages would have faced **starvation**. Towns and cities would have faced **shortages** as the villages that surrounded them could not provide them with enough food. These lords who lost their manpower to the **disease**, turned to **serfdom** farming as this required less people to work on the land. **Organ** farming became less popular – this, again, kept towns and cities short of such basics as **bread**. One consequence of the Black Death was **inflation** – the price of food went up creating more hardship for the **poor**. In some parts of **England**, food prices went up by four times.

Black Death	Disease	Animals, Bread
unploughed	manpower	village
starvation	food	sheep
inflation	poor	England