

Table 1.5a. Dated Irrigation Works by Dynasty
(average number of projects per century)

	Chi (includes repair projects)	Perkins (excludes repair projects)
Pre T'ang	16	10
T'ang	87	79
Sung	349	233
Yuan	351	492
Ming	822	723
Ch'ing	1 222	600

Source: Chi (1936), p. 36 and Perkins (1969), p. 334.

Table 1.5b. Irrigated Area, 1400–1995

	Irrigated Land (million ha.)	Total Cultivated Area	Proportion Irrigated (per cent)
1400	7.5	24.7	30.3
1820	21.7	73.7	29.4
1952	20.0	107.9	18.5
1995	49.3	94.9	51.9

Source: Irrigated area 1400 to early 1930s from Perkins (1969), p. 64. For 1400, Perkins suggests a possible range from 4.3 to 10.7 million hectares which I have averaged. 1820 estimated from pp. 61 and 64. 1952 and 1995 from Tables A.8 and A.10.