

## Farms

There were 18 individuals who described themselves as farmers or graziers in the 1911 census working on their own account (this does not include workers):

Elm Farm		Swannington	Joseph	Sheffield	Shaw	27
Willow Farm	Main Street	Swannington	Rhodes		Blake	29
Manor Farm	Main Street	Swannington	James		Richards	36
Broomy Husk	Coleorton Moor	Coleorton	Samuel		Smith	58
Talbot Farm	Talbot Lane	Whitwick	William	J	Gough	37
	Thornborough	Coalville	Charles		Spencer	55
Stone House	Main Street	Swannington	Joseph		Chester	47
	Main Street	Swannington	George	Underwood	Rowse	72
	Main Street	Swannington	John	Henry	Walker	29
	Spring Lane	Swannington	John		Johnson	81
	Burtens Lane	Swannington	William		Siddons	66
Botany Bay	Coleorton Moor	Coleorton	George		Chapman	58
Kings Arms	The Moor	Coleorton	James		Shaw	49
Red Hill Farm	Red Hill Lane	Swannington	Arthur	James	Gough	40
	Church L / Brooks L	New Swannington	Alfred	H	Bath	45
	Church L / Brooks L	New Swannington	Les	Peter	McCarthy	22
Cross Lanes	Church L / Brooks L	New Swannington	George	Thomas	Harding	34
	St George's Hill	Coleorton	John	George	Fewkes	40

The farms would have been worked with the aid of horses. Farmers would have had to rely on streams and wells for water and would not have had electricity. Herds of cattle and flocks of sheep would have been quite small.

Early 20th century farms would have provided as much feed for their livestock as possible, the cost of transport would have been too high to bring feed in from

long distances. Many of the animals sold for meat would have ended up in the village butchers' shops.



### Elm Farm

Joseph Sheffield Shaw (27) worked the farm and lived there with his wife Minnie (26) and daughter Phyllis (2). Also in residence were John Fewkes (76) a widower assisting in the business, Thomas Chanellar (47) a waggoner and Annie Hewitt (15) a general servant.

The Adcock family had moved to Elm Farm by the 1930's and tales of Bert Adcock's ice cream were legendary.



### Centre Farm

Centre Farm, opposite the school, was occupied by John Richards (73) a retired farmer and his wife Ann (68).

A fir tree was paraded around the village on a horse drawn dray in 1938 to raise money for the needy. It then became the Christmas tree at the Wesleyan Chapel before being planted behind Centre Farm by Harry Stacey at new year 1939. Because of the Second World War it was never reused as a Christmas tree and it is now much taller than the farmhouse (see photo).



### Manor Farm

James Richards (36) farmed Manor Farm. He lived with his wife Harriet (35) and daughters Sylvia (7) and Myrtle (1). Living with them were Matilda Manders (18) a domestic servant and Samuel James Wright (20) a cowman. During the Second World War W Thorpe farmed the 93 acres.

In 1985 the barns along were demolished. In recent years the Women's Institute made a community garden on the site.