

Table A.7. **Estimated Levels of Gross Output and Value Added in Agricultural Sidelines, Benchmark Years, China 1933–94**
(million 1987 yuan)

	Gross Value of Output		Gross Value Added	
	old definition	new definition	old definition	new definition
1933	n.a.	n.a.	(2 673)	1 129
1952	4 082	n.a.	2 805	1 185
1957	5 110	n.a.	3 511	1 483
1971	14 074	5 948	9 669	4 086
1975	24 504	7 205	16 834	4 952
1978	44 505	8 881	30 574	6 102
1985	202 098	23 910	138 836	16 426
1986	267 467	29 106	183 743	19 995
1987	n.a.	32 515	n.a.	22 337
1990	n.a.	40 285	n.a.	27 666
1994	n.a.	(40 475)	n.a.	(27 796)

Source: Benchmark 1987 gross value of output and gross value added from official input–output table. I assumed that the 1987 ratio between gross output and value added applied for the whole period covered in the table. Measurement of sideline performance is particularly difficult. Until 1971, this item covered output of village industries, as well as household handicrafts, hunting and gathering activities. After 1971 output of village industry was treated as industrial production. The figures for gross output 1952–86 are available in Ministry of Agriculture (1989), pp. 107 and 109. One can readily see the major boom in village industry after 1971 (i.e. the difference between columns 3 and 4 for value added). By 1978, the village industries constituted about 12 per cent of industrial output and probably more than a third in 1986, when figures on the old basis ceased to be available. For our purpose, I had to accept the discontinuity in the definition (i.e. old definition before 1971, new definition from 1971 onwards) as there was no satisfactory way of getting consistent coverage and allocating the village industry content of the early years to industrial production. The 1993 *Statistical Yearbook* and subsequent editions do not show movement in the volume of sideline output since 1991. I assumed the 1991–94 rate of growth to be the same as for 1987–91. I assumed the official estimate of sideline output volume after 1978 was underdeflated, and corrected for this as I did for industrial production in Appendix B. Liu and Yeh (1965), p. 66 do not include rural sidelines as an agricultural activity, but I assumed the 1933–52 movement was the same as they indicate for all handicrafts.