**COSTS IN THE YEAR 1500**

Money was counted in pounds, shillings and pence – or pennies:

* 12 pennies make a shilling
* 20 shillings (or 240 pennies) make a pound

The pound came from the old Roman coin.

There was no paper money back then, just silver and gold coins.

No copper coins either. .

 Costs (pennies)

 1152 tobacco, kg

 1080 a painting (portrait)

 480 sugar, kg

 480 Bible

 360 horse

 240 spices, kg

 96 pepper, kg

 80 a pair of boots

 48 bed

 24 to have a tooth pulled

 15 small book

 12 to hire a horse for a day

 12 a liter of wine

 12 a pair of shoes

 6 cherries, kg

 6 butter, kg

 6 beef, kg

 6 scissors

 6 eyeglasses

 5 a meal at an inn

 4 a dozen eggs

 4 a knife

 3 cheese

 3 a dozen buttons

 1.3 bread, kg

 0.5 a liter of beer

Wages per day (pennies)

 80,000 the top merchants

 3200 minister

 2000 nobleman

 1200 knights

 53 army captain

 12 craftsman

 12 actors

 10 soldier

 9 laborer

 7 maid

 6 shepherd

1 kilogram is about 2.2 pounds

1 liter is about ¼ of a gallon