

Land Reclamation in the Netherlands: 1540-1664

Period	Average Area of Land Per Annum gained by polders in the Netherlands - in hectares (and acres)
1540-1564	1,474 (3,642)
1565-1589	321 (793)
1590-1614	1,448 (3,578)
1615-1639	1,783 (4,405)
1640-1664	1,163 (2,873)

[source; Slicher van Bath, *The Agrarian History of Western Europe, AD500-1850* (London, 1963), p. 200]