



Nails in the Atlantic World

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English Beginnings

England contained areas rich in iron, coal, and ore. These raw materials could be turned into goods for manufacturing.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing in the colonies was limited, whereas manufacturing in England was highly developed. This meant that the colonies were not producing large numbers of nails.

Production Numbers

While England was producing up to 100,000 nails a day, the colonies were producing significantly smaller numbers, possibly dozens a day.

Importation

Nails of all shapes and sizes were brought into the colonies and were bought and sold by merchants throughout the area.

On the Market

Men and women purchased nails with cash and on credit. Purchased in small or large quantities and used in different professions, nails made their way through the colonies.

