

Unit 5

11.1
What is agriculture, and where did agriculture begin?
How did agriculture change with industrialization?

Agriculture Geography

The following information corresponds to Chapter 11 in your textbook. Fill in the blanks to complete the definition or sentence. Note: All of the following information in addition to your reading is important, not just the blanks.

Field Notes: Changing Greens

The crop pictured in the field notes is _____. The increase in acres planted to this crop is in response to the growing _____ plants. _____ made it possible to grow the crops, which are resistant to the weed killer, _____. The company that produces _____ is _____. Two other crops resistant to Roundup are _____ and _____



Figure 11.1
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- _____ the production of crops without the use of synthetic or industrially produced pesticides and fertilizers
 - _____ are now about 3% of the food sales in the US, and though small is growing.
 - Organic crops can be grown everywhere, but most are sold in the global economic _____
 - Organic agriculture in the periphery and semi-periphery is similar to major _____, almost entirely for _____
 - _____ certification provides a higher level of income for the farmer.
 - Organic agriculture maybe more environmentally friendly, but is not yet able to produce enough to feed the mass of humanity.

ACRES USED TO RAISE CERTIFIED ORGANICALLY PRODUCED CROPS, 2002

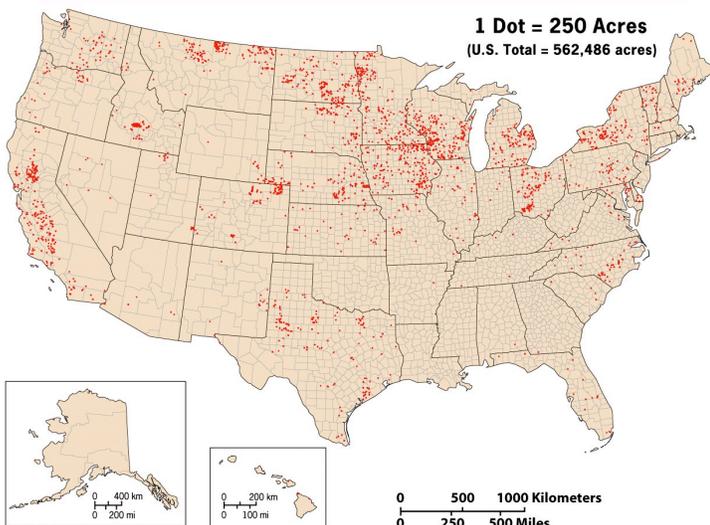


Figure 11.2
Courtesy of: United States Census of Agriculture, 2002

What is agriculture, and where did agriculture begin?

Examine the map on p. 351. Read the title, the key, look at the divisions. What is the smallest scale show on the map? _____. Is there any certified organically produced crops in Leon County? _____. Are you sure? Can maps lie?

- _____ = the deliberate tending of crops and livestock to produce _____, _____, and _____.

Classifying Economic Activities

- _____ activities - the **extractive sector**: direct extraction of natural resources from the environment; hunting and gathering, herding, fishing, mining, lumbering,...
- _____ activities - the **manufacturing sector**: processes raw materials and transforms them into finished industrial products; production of an almost infinite range of

commodities (toys, chemicals, buildings,)

- _____ activities - the **service sector**; engaged in services; transportation, banking, education, ...)
- _____ sector - concerned w/ collection, processing, and manipulation of information & capital (finance, administration, insurance, legal services) Information Age!
- _____ sector - require a high level of specialized knowledge or skill (scientific research, high-level management) Research & Development - Thinking outside the box!

In the US agriculture is produced with **Core Processes** (Thousands support agricultural production through _____, _____, _____, etc, but only about _____ % of the workforce is directly involved in the agricultural production.

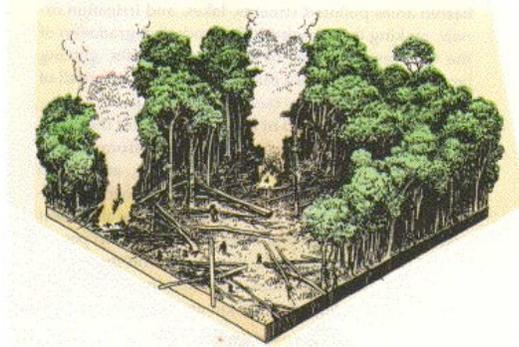
- In the US the total agricultural production is at an _____, but the proportion of the labor force in agriculture is at an _____.
 - In 1950 one farmer produced enough to feed _____ people, today one farmer can feed _____.
 - New technologies created _____, & _____, _____ & _____ all designed to increase yields.
- The 1st _____ occurred around 12,000 yrs ago (Neolithic Era) concurrently in areas like the Fertile Crescent, China, N. Africa...; it was accompanied by a modest population explosion, along with plant and animal _____ (about 40 animal species have been domesticated today).
 - _____ (remember him from the Cultural Landscape?) suggested that _____ crops were first domesticated in _____ & _____ with tropical plants. Plants, including _____ or _____, yams, and _____ (yum!) later in NW S. Am
 - _____, plants that are reproduced by cultivating seeds is believed to have developed in the region of _____ (the Fertile Crescent)
- _____ probably took place about 8000 years ago. The advantages of animal domestication are - their use as _____, a source of _____, & a provider of _____

TABLE 11.1
Chief Source Regions of Important Crop Plant Domestications. Adapted with permission from: J. E. Spencer and W. L. Thomas, *Introducing Cultural Geography*, 1978, John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

A. Primary Regions of Domestications									
1. The Upper Southeast Asian Mainlands									
Citrus Fruits*	Bamboos*	Yams*	Rices*	Eugenia*	Lichi	Teas	Ramie		
Bananas*	Taros*	Cabbages*	Beans*	Job's tears	Longan	Tung oils	Water chestnut		
2. Lower Southeast Asian Mainland and Malaysia (including New Guinea)									
Citrus fruits*	Taros*	Pandanuses	Breadfruits	Lanzones	Vine peppers*	Nutmeg	Areca		
Bananas*	Yams*	Cucumbers*	Jackfruits	Durian	Gingers*	Clove	Abaca		
Bamboos*	Almonds*	Sugarcanes	Coconuts	Rambutan	Brinjals*	Cardamom			
3. Eastern India and Western Burma									
Bananas*	Beans*	Millet*	Grams	Vine peppers*	Mangoes	Safflower	Lotus		
Yams*	Rices*	Sorghums*	Eggplants	Gingers*	Kapok*	Jute	Turmeric		
Taros*	Amaranths*	Peas*	Brinjals*	Palms*	Indigo	Sunn	Hemp		
4. Southwestern Asia (Northwest India-Caucasus)									
Soft wheats*	Peas*	Rye*	Beets*	Hemp	Soft Pears*	Pomegranates	Walnuts		
Barleys*	Oil seeds*	Onions	Spinach	Apples	Cherries*	Grapes*	Melons		
Lentils*	Poppies	Carrots*	Sesames	Almonds*	Plums*	Jujubes*	Tamarind		
Beans*	Oats*	Turnips	Flax	Peaches*	Figs	Pistachio	Alfalfa		
5. Ethiopian and East African Highlands									
Hard wheats*	Sorghums*	Barleys	Beans*	Oil seeds*	Melons*	Coffees	Okras		
Millet*	Rices*	Peas*	Vetches	Cucumbers*	Gourds*	Castor beans	Cottons*		
6. Meso-American Region (Southern Mexico to Northern Venezuela)									
Maizes	Taros*	Tomatoes*	Avocados	Muskmelons	Cottons*				
Amaranths*	Sweet potatoes	Chili peppers	Sapotes	Palms*	Agaves				
Beans*	Squashes	Custard apples	Plums*	Manioc	Kapok				

Table 11.1 part 1
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- _____, found primarily in tropical or subtropical zones, where farmers had to abandon plots of land after the soil became infertile. Between _____ & _____ million people still make a living by _____ (many more than those who live by hunting and gathering & more land use than hunters and gatherers.)
 - _____ (also called _____ & _____ agriculture) uses fire to burn vegetation cleared from the site. This adds a layer of ash, which contributes to the soil fertility. **Swidden = the term for land prepared for planting after slash and burn.**
 - Although Shifting Agriculture uses large areas of land, it conserves both forests and soil, and uses less energy than modern techniques of farming
- During colonization, European powers sought to _____ farming by ending subsistence and integrating farmers into the colonial system making farmers grow _____ such as cotton.
- Subsistence land use is giving way to more _____ and _____.



○ _____ agriculture is growing only enough food for your family, with little or no cash

See Table 11.1 on page 356 for secondary regions

How Did Agriculture Change with Industrialization?

• Johann Heinrich von Thünen (1783-1850) witnessed the 2nd Agricultural Revolution firsthand in Rostock, Germany. His model was the first effort to analyze the spatial character of economic activity. Key elements of his model included:

- Four concentric rings formed around the city, within which particular commodities (or crops) dominated, and others were replaced (without any visible change in terrain, soil, or climate)
- Closest to town [1] - Dairying and intensive farming occur in the ring closest to the city. Since vegetables, fruit, milk and other dairy products must get to market quickly; highly perishable items, high priced.
- [2] Timber and firewood would be produced for local and export materials in the second zone. Before industrialization (and coal power), wood was a very important fuel for heating and cooking. Wood is very heavy and difficult to transport so it is located close to the city.
- [3] Extensive grain crops such as wheat for bread, or other grains (less perishable). Since grains last longer than dairy products and are much lighter than fuel, reducing transport costs, they can be located further from the city.
- Outer ring [4] - ranching and livestock raising is located in the final ring surrounding the central city. Animals can be raised far from the city because they are self-transporting. Animals can walk to the central city for sale or for butchering.
- Von Thünen's model assumed: 1) flat terrain, 2) soil quality and conditions are uniform, 3) no barriers to transport to the market, 4) all transportation done by water (& no roads), 5) farmers will act to maximize their profits, and 6) the city is self sufficient, with no external influences.

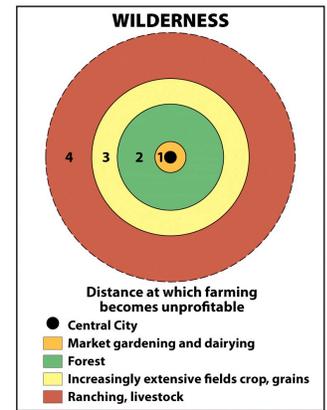


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The 3rd Agricultural Revolution

• The Green Revolution (also called the Green) is still in progress.

• 1940's research on hybrid (corn) in Mexico that led to a high yielding seed that would grow better and by 1960s Mexico was no longer self-sufficient.

• In the 1960's the Green Rev shifted to Asia where scientists cross-bred a dwarf Chinese variety of rice with an Asian variety to produce semi-dwarf, a new variety that had desirable traits. Newer and better strains of rice has resistance to diseases and a growing cycle of 100 days, making it possible to produce two crops per year in some places.

• The success of the Green Revolution has been extraordinary. Today most of the world's rice are the result of genetic engineering rather than the inability to produce food.

• The increase in production is a result of new techniques, use of fertilizers, pesticides, and irrigation improvements (investment in land, equipment, etc.)

• The Green Rev has had limited impact in sub-Saharan Africa. Scientists are studying methods for producing high yield a "super rice", for Africa & for Africa.

The Green Revolution - PART 2

Biotechnology has developed (GE) genetically modified crops or (GMOs) genetically modified organisms

• GMOs different from hybrid crops that are cross-bred or cross-pollinated in that they have their genetic structure changed to make them stronger, more resistant to pests, etc. The US leads in the production of GMOS with 35% of all acres of corn and 15% of all acres of soybeans using GMOs. Some regions have banned GMOs with strong reaction against them based on concerns about health & environment.

• Changes in agriculture have environmental, economic, and social implications. Wetlands studied projects to convert wetlands into year round rice production in California, While the project was an agricultural success, women who do most of the agricultural work (80%) received nothing for their labor when the land was registered as "landless" giving control to the men & revealed gender inequities.



Figure 11.8
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