

GRADE 10

GEOGRAPHY

LESSON 3

MAJOR TYPES OF
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Agriculture.....

Production of various foods through cultivation of crops and livestock farming can be termed as agriculture.

- Subsistence agriculture aims at consumption.
- Commercial agriculture aims at trade.
- Utilizing the land for cultivation is known as agricultural land utilization.
- Majority of the world population being engaged in agricultural activities.
- Paddy and wheat are cultivated mostly under subsistence agriculture.

Paddy cultivation

- Paddy cultivation is distributed all over the world at least in small extent.
- It is conducted using rain fed water and irrigated water as well as terraced fields in mountainous areas.
- It is the staple food of the majority of people living in Asian countries.
- A special characteristic of Asian paddy cultivating regions is that the production is consumed within the region itself.

Wheat cultivation

- Wheat is cultivated in large scale farmlands on a commercial basis.
- There is a high mechanization.
- Wheat is consumed as the staple food by the majority of world population.
- Prevalence of an extensive market throughout the world and throughout the year.

Plantation agriculture

- Expansion of plantation on very large estates and its operation on a commercial basis.
- Tea, rubber, sugarcane, cotton, coffee, cocoa and coconut are the most significant crops grown under plantation agriculture.
- Use of both local and foreign labour.
- Use of skilled labour with proper management.
- Presence of industrial features although it is a system of agriculture.
- In many countries plantation agriculture was initiated by foreigners.

Tea cultivation

- Tea is discovered by Chinese.
- The Asian region occupies a prominent place in the cultivation of tea.
- It can be introduced as a commonly consumed beverage in almost all the countries in the world at present.
- There are many promotional activities for tea such as International bazaar for tea.
- There is a great concentration on the quality of tea at present.

Rubber cultivation

- Rubber which had been a jungle crop in Brazil.
- The demand for rubber increased gradually with the development of the automobile industry in Europe around 1890s.
- By the 20th century, rubber was only second to tea.
- Distribution of rubber cultivation in large estates.
- Focus on the production of finished products locally by rubber exporting countries while exporting rubber as a raw material.

Livestock farming

- Livestock farming is important to obtain the requirements of food and beverages as well as to obtain raw materials for industries.
- It includes mainly the rearing of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and poultry.

Commercial dairy farming

- The developed countries have acquired prominence in every aspect of commercial dairy farming.
- Modern technology is used in every aspect.
- Expansion of the market for liquid milk and milk related products.
- Increase in the consumption of milk products.

