

Types of Agriculture

Chapter 5: Types of Agriculture · Topic 1

Key Concept

Subsistence farming involves growing crops mainly to feed the farmer's family, common in many developing regions with small farms.

Commercial farming grows crops for sale in large quantities, often using modern technology and machinery for efficiency.

Plantation agriculture focuses on growing a single cash crop, like tea, coffee, or rubber, usually on large estates.

Different regions practise different types of agriculture based on climate, soil, technology, and economic needs.

Quick Revision Notes

- Subsistence farming feeds the farmer's family.
- It's common on small farms in developing regions.
- Commercial farming grows crops for sale.
- It uses modern technology for efficiency.
- Plantation agriculture grows a single cash crop.
- Tea, coffee and rubber are plantation crops.
- Plantations are usually large estates.
- Agriculture type depends on climate, soil and needs.

Practice Questions

- 1 Compare subsistence and commercial farming.
- 2 Research a plantation crop grown in India.
- 3 Discuss why climate affects farming type.
- 4 Find an example of commercial farming in your region.
- 5 Explain why plantations focus on a single crop.
- 6 Discuss the type of farming common in your area.