

Agriculture

Chapter 9: Agriculture · Topic 1

Key Concept

Subsistence agriculture involves farming primarily to meet a family's own food needs, common in many developing regions.

Commercial agriculture involves farming for profit, producing large quantities of crops for sale in markets, often using modern technology.

Different crops require different climate and soil conditions, like rice needing plenty of water and wheat needing moderate rainfall.

Modern agricultural techniques, like irrigation, fertilisers, and machinery, have significantly increased crop production worldwide.

Quick Revision Notes

- Subsistence agriculture: farming for family's own needs.
- Common in developing regions.
- Commercial agriculture: farming for profit.
- Large-scale, often uses modern technology.
- Different crops need different climate/soil.
- Rice needs water; wheat needs moderate rain.
- Modern techniques: irrigation, fertilisers, machinery.
- These increased crop production worldwide.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss the difference between subsistence and commercial agriculture.
- 2 Research the climate needs of a specific crop.
- 3 Discuss a modern agricultural technique.
- 4 Discuss agriculture practiced in your region.
- 5 Research how irrigation helps farming.
- 6 Discuss why different crops need different conditions.