

Agriculture, Issue 03

Where are agricultural regions in More Developed Countries?

1. Characteristics of Mixed Crop and Livestock Farming:
 - a. Define the following terms:
 - i. Integration of crops and livestock
 - ii. Two-field crop rotation
 - iii. Three-field system
 - iv. Four-field system
2. Choice of Crops?
 - a. What are the many purposes of:
 - i. Corn
 - ii. Soybeans
3. Dairy Farming:
 - a. What does the term “milkshed” refer to, and how has it changed in MDCs over the course of the twentieth century?
 - b. Why would the “milkshed” in a LDC be very different from the “milkshed” in a MDC?
 - c. What demographic and other factors influence the regional differentiation in milk products? (provide examples)
 - d. What factors may help explain the rise in the yield of milk per cow in the U.S. at a time when the overall number of milk cows in the U.S. declines?
4. Ranching within, and outside the U.S.
 - a. Viewed on a global scale, what have been the stages in the development of ranching?
5. Mediterranean Agriculture
 - a. What distinguishes Mediterranean farming from other forms of agriculture?
6. Commercial Gardening and Fruit Farming
 - a. Define the following terms:
 - i. Truck farming
 - ii. Specialty farming
 - iii. Labor force
7. Importance of Access to Markets
 - a. Which factors determine the choice of crops for a farmer interested in
 - b. commercial farming?
 - c. What are the problems with the Von Thünen model of the spatial arrangements of crops in a region?