

Class:Xth                      Subject: geography

Study Material, chapter:4 . Agriculture

Agriculture is a primary activity which produces most of the food that we consume besides food grain it also produces raw material for various industries.

Some agriculture product like tea, coffee, spice, etc...

Types of farming:

Cultivation method has changed significantly depending upon the characteristics of physical environmental, technological know – how and socio – culture practices. Farming varies from subsistence to commercial type. At present in different parts of India.

Primitive Subsistence Farming:

This type of farming is still practiced in few parts of India.

The help of primitive tools like hoe, dao and digging sticks, and family /community labour.

This type of farming depends upon monsoon, natural fertility of the soil and suitability of other environmental conditions to the crops grown.

It is 'slash and burn' agriculture.

The soil fertility decreases.

The farmers shift and clear a fresh patch of land for cultivation.

Intensive Subsistence Farming:

This type of farming is practiced in areas of high population pressure on land .

It is labour intensive farming.

The biological inputs and irrigation are used for obtaining higher production.

There is enormous pressure on agriculture land.

Commercial Farming:

This type of farming is the use of higher doses of modern inputs.

The degree of commercialization of agriculture varies from one region to another.

A single crop is grown on a large area.

The help of migrant labourers.

The produce is used as raw material in respective industries.

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