

# Agriculture

Word	Definition	Translation
<b>abattoir</b>	a place where animals are killed for meat.	
<b>agriculture</b>	the work, business, or study of farming.	
<b>arable</b>	relating to, used for, or involved in the growing of crops	
<b>artificial fertilizer</b>	an inorganic substance that is obtained by mining or is produced by a chemical process that is used to help plants to grow in a healthy way.	
<b>barley</b>	a plant that is a type of grass that produces grain. The grain is used for making food, beer, and whisky.	
<b>barn</b>	a large building on a farm where animals, crops, or machines are kept.	
<b>beef</b>	the meat from a cow.	
<b>bloom</b>	if a tree or plant blooms, it produces flowers that have opened.	
<b>bone meal</b>	a substance made of crushed bones, used as food for animals or for helping plants to grow.	
<b>BSE</b>	bovine spongiform encephalopathy; a disease in cows that affects the brain and the ability to control the muscles. The disease can be spread to humans if they eat meat from an infected cow, where it appears in the form of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.	
<b>bullock</b>	a young male cow that has been castrated.	
<b>calf</b>	a young cow (plural: calves).	
<b>cereal</b>	a plant that produces grain, used as food for people and animals.	
<b>cocoa</b>	a brown powder made from a cocoa bean. It is used for making chocolate and chocolate-flavoured food and drinks.	
<b>collective farm</b>	a farm that is run by the people who work there but is owned by the government or another group of people.	
<b>combine harvester</b>	a large machine used on a farm for cutting grain crops and then removing and cleaning the seeds.	
<b>compost</b>	a mixture of decaying plants and vegetables that is added to soil to improve it.	
<b>consumption</b>	the use of something such as fuel or energy, or the amount that people use.	
<b>corn</b>	wheat, or any similar crop of grain that is grown as food.	
<b>cotton</b>	a plant grown in warm regions that has white fibres in its fruit that are used for making cotton cloth. Cotton is an important cash crop in many areas of the world.	
<b>crop</b>	a plant grown for food, usually on a farm.	
<b>cultivation</b>	the process of growing crops or other plants, or the use of land for growing crops or other plants.	
<b>dairy farming</b>	the business of keeping cows and selling their milk.	
<b>domestic</b>	1 relating to a particular country. 2 relating to people's homes and family life.	
<b>equipment</b>	the tools, machines, or other things that you need for a particular job or activity.	

<b>estimate</b>	to say what you think an amount or value will be, either by guessing or by using available information to calculate it.	
<b>exploit</b>	to treat someone unfairly in order to get some benefit for yourself.	
<b>export</b>	the practice or business of selling goods to another country.	
<b>extensive farming</b>	farming activity that takes place over a large area of land.	
<b>factory farm</b>	a farm in which farm animals and birds are kept inside in small spaces and are made to grow or produce eggs very quickly.	
<b>fallow</b>	land that has been deliberately left for a time without any crops or animals on it, in order to improve the soil.	
<b>farmyard</b>	an area that is surrounded by the buildings on a farm.	
<b>feed</b>	food given to animals.	
<b>fertilize</b>	to add a natural or chemical substance to soil in order to help plants grow.	
<b>fibre crop</b>	crops grown for their fibres in order to make paper, cloth, or rope, for example cotton.	
<b>GM</b>	genetically modified: used for describing crops whose genes have been artificially changed, or for describing foods made from these crops.	
<b>goat</b>	an animal similar to a sheep but with longer legs and a thinner coat.	
<b>grain</b>	a seed or the seeds from cereal plants such as wheat, rice, or barley that are used for food, or the plants that they grow on.	
<b>grazing land</b>	land on which animals eat grass.	
<b>growing season</b>	the time of year during which plants grow and develop, especially farm crops.	
<b>harvest</b>	the activity of collecting a crop, or the time when crops are collected.	
<b>hay</b>	long grass that has been cut and dried so that it can be used for feeding farm animals.	
<b>hedge</b>	a line of bushes or small trees growing close together around a garden or field.	
<b>hen</b>	a female chicken.	
<b>herbicide</b>	a chemical used for killing weeds and other plants that are not wanted.	
<b>herd</b>	a large group of animals of the same type that live and move about together.	
<b>herring</b>	a long thin silver sea fish.	
<b>husbandry</b>	the activity of farming and caring for animals.	
<b>infertile</b>	infertile land is not very good for growing crops.	
<b>irrigate</b>	to bring water to land through a system of pipes, ditches etc in order to make plants grow.	
<b>labour</b>	the workers in a particular country, industry, or company considered as a group.	
<b>lamb</b>	a young sheep.	
<b>LEDC</b>	less economically developed countries.	
<b>legume</b>	a seed such as a pea or bean that grows in a pod.	

<b>livestock</b>	animals such as cows, sheep, and pigs that are kept on farms.	
<b>loam</b>	a type of soil that is extremely good for plants to grow in. It is a mixture of sand, silt, clay, and humus.	
<b>logging</b>	the act of cutting down trees for wood, usually in order to sell it at a profit.	
<b>maize</b>	a tall plant that produces yellow seeds that are called sweet corn or corn when cooked and eaten.	
<b>manure</b>	solid waste from farm animals, often mixed with other substances and used on crops to help them to grow.	
<b>market garden</b>	a small farm where fruit and vegetables are grown to be sold.	
<b>MEDC</b>	more economically developed countries	
<b>mill</b>	to crush grain into flour.	
<b>mixed farming</b>	a system of farming that combines growing crops and keeping animals.	
<b>mulch</b>	decaying leaves or other plant material used for protecting the roots of plants and improving the soil.	
<b>oat</b>	a type of grain that people and animals eat.	
<b>organic</b>	used for describing methods of farming and food production that do not use artificial chemicals.	
<b>overgrazing</b>	a situation in which land is damaged because the cows or other animals in it have been allowed to eat too much of the grass there, or have been allowed to feed on it for too long.	
<b>paddy field</b>	a field of rice growing in water.	
<b>pasture</b>	land covered with grass where sheep, cows etc are kept.	
<b>pest</b>	an insect or other small animal that damages plants or supplies of food.	
<b>pesticide</b>	a chemical used for killing insects that damage crops.	
<b>plantation</b>	a large farm where crops such as tea, cotton, and sugar cane are grown.	
<b>plough</b>	a piece of equipment that farmers use for turning over the soil before putting seeds into it.	
<b>ranch</b>	a very large farm where cows, horses, or sheep are kept.	
<b>root crop</b>	a crop that is grown so that its roots can be used for food, for example sugar beets or carrots.	
<b>rye</b>	a crop that produces grain that is used for making bread and whisky.	
<b>seed</b>	a usually small, hard part produced by a plant, that can grow into a new plant of the same type. A seed is an ovule that has been fertilized and contains the plant embryo and its food.	
<b>shifting calculation</b>	a method of farming used in tropical regions, in which an area of land is cleared and crops are grown on it until the soil is no longer good enough for growing them. The area is then not used until the soil has become good enough again.	

<b>silage</b>	grass and plants that are preserved and used for feeding farm animals.	
<b>silo</b>	a tall round tower on a farm used for storing things such as grain, crops, and food for animals.	
<b>storage</b>	the act of storing something.	
<b>straw</b>	the yellow stems of dried crops such as wheat.	
<b>sugar beet</b>	a vegetable that grows under the ground and is used for producing sugar.	
<b>sugar cane</b>	a tall tropical plant with thick stems that is used for producing sugar.	
<b>sunflower</b>	a very tall plant that has large yellow flowers with a round brown centre. Sunflowers produce seeds that are used for making cooking oil.	
<b>terracing</b>	land divided into layers that look like steps, often so that they can be used for farming or for making a garden.	
<b>tobacco</b>	the plant that produces leaves that are dried to make tobacco (=a substance that people smoke in cigarettes).	
<b>topsoil</b>	the layer of soil that is near the surface of the ground.	
<b>uncultivated</b>	uncultivated land has not been used for growing crops or has not been changed in order to make it suitable for farming.	
<b>vineyard</b>	a farm that grows grapes and produces wine.	
<b>wheat</b>	a tall plant that produces grain for making bread and other foods.	
<b>wool</b>	thick hair that grows on sheep and some other animals.	