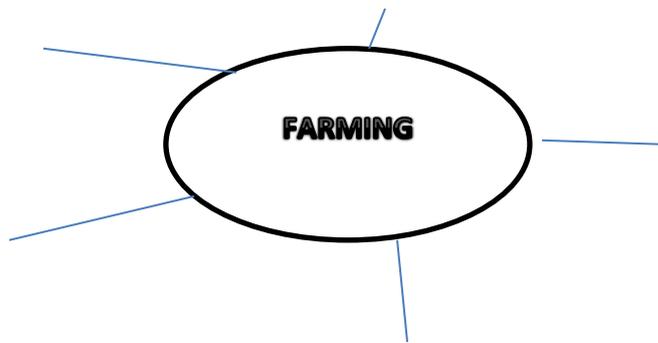


WARM UP

1. Farming is one of the most important human activities. Why?
2. Complete the spidergram with words related to farming.



1. General aspects

Farming is the growing of crops and the rearing of animals. Farming in Britain has changed a great deal in the last 30 years. Farming used to employ a great many people in Britain but nowadays, with machinery, a few people can run a huge farm of thousands of hectares.

British farming is intensive and highly mechanised, but the country is so heavily populated that it cannot supply its own food needs. The UK produces only 59% of the food it consumes. It employs just 1.4 per cent of the country's labour force. Britain's agriculture is under pressure to change at the moment. Farmers are under pressure to adopt more environmentally friendly methods such as organic farming. Organic farming does not use artificial chemicals that can damage the environment and human health. Its popularity has grown rapidly in recent years.

2. Factors affecting farming

- Physical factors (or natural inputs)
- Human factors (or economic/political inputs)

Activity 1. List all the factors influencing farming given below under two headings: **Physical** and **Human Factors**.

- rainfall, wind, temperature
- capital
- availability of transport and markets
- soil type
- technology
- relief

3. Types of Farming

Activity 2. Match the types of farming with their definition:

Types of farming	definition
1. arable	a. combination of arable and pastoral
2. pastoral	b. growing of crops and cereals
3. mixed farming	c. rearing and production of animals including pigs, chickens, hill farming sheep, beef and dairy cattle
4. horticulture	d. production of fruit and vegetables
5. market gardening	e. production of flowers, fruit, vegetables or ornamental plants
6. viticulture	f. grapes

The UK is the fourth largest producer of cereal and oilseed crops in the EU (after France, Germany and Poland) accounting for about 8% of total EU production.

Principal crops:

- wheat, (the most widely grown arable crop in the UK)
- barley,
- potatoes,
- sugar beet, (the UK is the fifth largest producer of sugar beet)
- vegetables,
- oil seed rape,
- fruits.

Livestock products:

- poultry,
- sheep,
- cattle,
- milk,
- meat,
- eggs,
- wool.