agricultural economy

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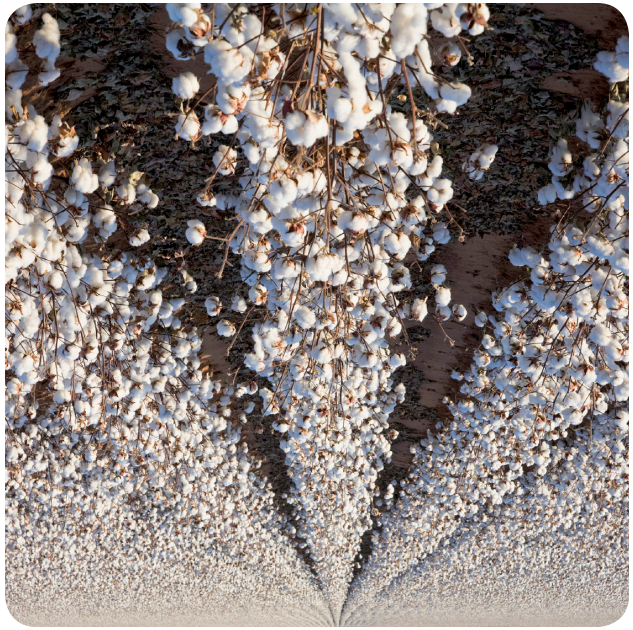

The practice of growing crops and raising animals for food, fiber, or other uses by humans.

An economy based on farming or ranching.

archaeological site

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archaeology

A place where ancient people were active and left behind objects that are of historical interest.

The study of the life and culture of ancient people.

artifact

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crop

A type of plant or the seasonal production of plants grown by humans for food, animal feed, or fiber.

An object, such as a tool, made by humans.

economy

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domestication

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Activities related to the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services.

The process of taming wild animals and growing wild plants to live and reproduce in ways that are useful for humans.

environment

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fanega

A Spanish unit of volume equal to about 12 gallons, used mostly for dry goods, such as grains.

The conditions and surroundings where organisms live.

hunter-gatherer economy

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grove

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An economy based on collecting foods and natural resources from the surroundings.

A group of trees growing together.

land use

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irrigate

The way land is used by humans, such as for farming, housing, and habitat protection.

To supply water to plants through pipes, artificial channels, or other methods.

livestock

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league

Animals, such as cattle, horses, sheep, and pigs, that are raised for food and other uses.

A unit of distance equal to between 2.4 miles and 4.6 miles.

native species

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natural object

Things like shells, trees, and rocks that are found in nature.

Plants, animals, and other organisms that are found naturally in a place.

natural system

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natural resources

The parts, processes, and cycles in an environment, and the interactions among plants, animals, and other organisms with their environment.

Materials, such as soil, water, minerals, and energy, that people use from nature and natural systems.

nonnative species

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padre

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A Franciscan priest; means “father” in Spanish.

A plant, animal, or other organism that was brought to a new place by humans.

reservoir

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rancho

A lake or other storage area where water is collected and kept for future use.

The Spanish word for a ranch.

self-sufficient

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sow

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Able to provide for oneself without the help of others.

To spread seeds in or on soil for growing.

surplus

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The amount of goods above the amount needed to meet one’s own needs.