



farm AND land CONNECTIONS

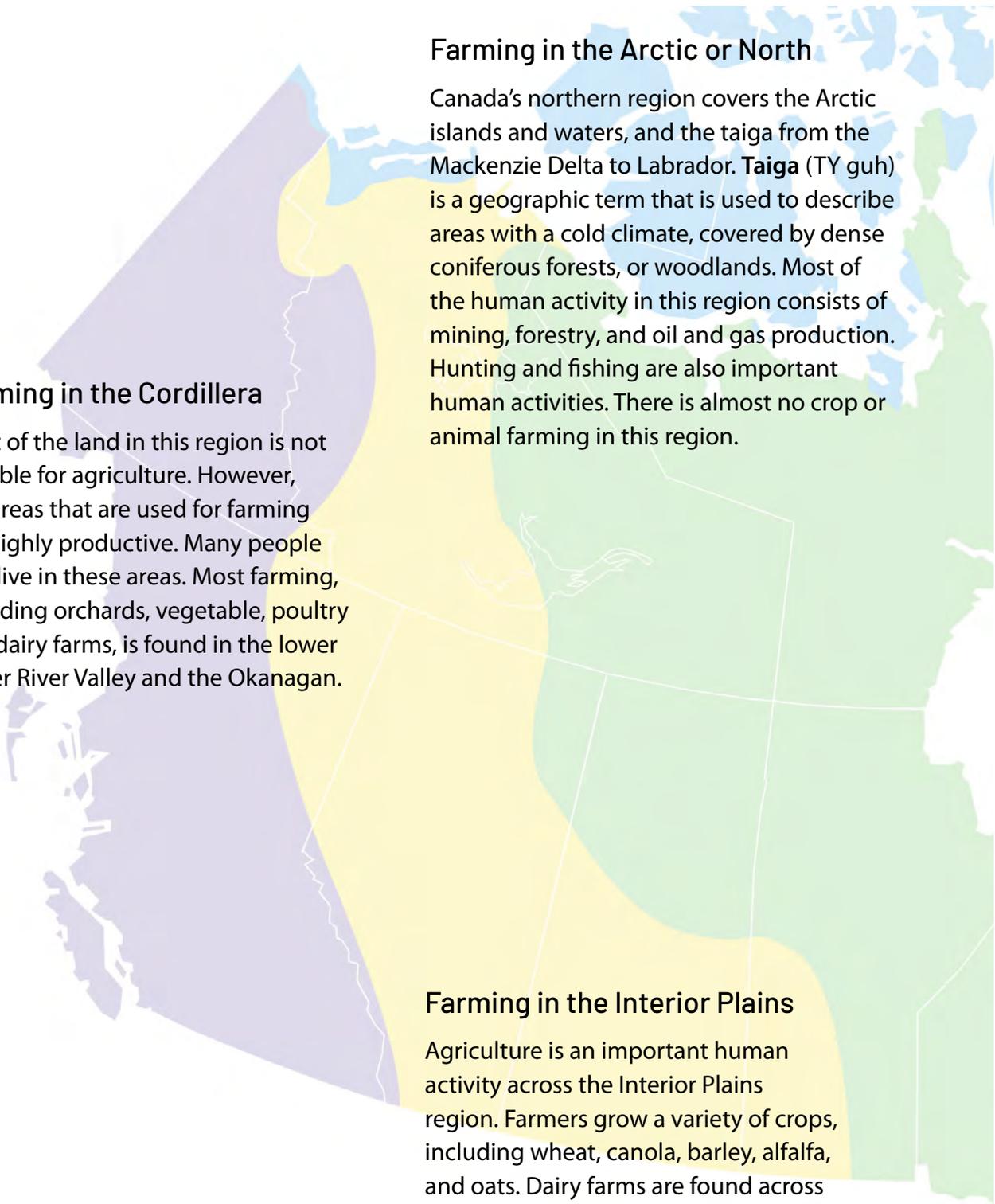
All farms are part of the natural landscape. Farmers depend on and use natural resources like the land, sunlight, water and soil. Every region and ecozone has these basic natural resources. However, the quality and availability of resources like water and soil can be different in each region. The land may be flat and gently rolling, or it can be rugged and mountainous. These differences affect what types of farms are found in each region and where they are located.

What types of farms do you think you could find across Canada's different regions?



Natural and Human-Made Resources





Farming in the Cordillera

Most of the land in this region is not suitable for agriculture. However, the areas that are used for farming are highly productive. Many people also live in these areas. Most farming, including orchards, vegetable, poultry and dairy farms, is found in the lower Fraser River Valley and the Okanagan.

Farming in the Arctic or North

Canada's northern region covers the Arctic islands and waters, and the taiga from the Mackenzie Delta to Labrador. **Taiga** (TY guh) is a geographic term that is used to describe areas with a cold climate, covered by dense coniferous forests, or woodlands. Most of the human activity in this region consists of mining, forestry, and oil and gas production. Hunting and fishing are also important human activities. There is almost no crop or animal farming in this region.

Farming in the Interior Plains

Agriculture is an important human activity across the Interior Plains region. Farmers grow a variety of crops, including wheat, canola, barley, alfalfa, and oats. Dairy farms are found across Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Many dairy farmers also grow crops or raise other types of animals, or **livestock**.



Farming in the Canadian Shield

The Canadian Shield extends from northern Saskatchewan to Newfoundland and Labrador, and is most commonly known for human activities such as forestry and mining. This region has long, cold winters and short, warm summers. Most animal farms raise beef cattle. However, many dairy farms can be found in the southern areas of this region.

Farming in the Atlantic or Appalachian

Most agricultural activity in this region takes place in Prince Edward Island, along New Brunswick's Saint John River valley, and around the Bay of Fundy and Northumberland Strait in Nova Scotia. The land in other areas throughout the Atlantic region is too rough, rocky or uneven for agriculture and farming communities to develop and grow. Dairy farms are found in all Atlantic provinces, but in fewer numbers than in other provinces.

Farming in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Lowlands

This region has a high population and most of Canada's largest cities are found here. Much of the land that is not used for cities and towns is used for crop and animal farms. This region has the highest amount of dairy farms, with most of them concentrated in the St. Lawrence River Valley of southern Ontario and Quebec.



Finding a Burger



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What conclusion could you make from the burger poster on this page? Why would you make this conclusion?