



# Canarygeog Worksheet

## Agriculture in MEDCs - Answers

1. Why do British farmers have difficulty competing with farmers abroad who want to sell their produce in the UK ?

Because most of the production abroad has a lower input cost, specially cheaper labour.

2. Why are some farmers paid to set aside some of their land ?

This method encourages farmers not to over produce on their land by keeping some of their land in a semi-natural state.

3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of agribusiness.

- Advantages : they benefit from economies of scale and can meet the demand for cheap food.
- Disadvantages : the landscapes will be monotonous and unattractive leading to a lack of bio-diversity.

4. Why does increased mechanization benefit large farms ?

Due to the scale of the farms they will benefit more from mechanization than smaller farms.

5. Why is it important to make farming sustainable in MEDCs ?

To preserve the countryside for future generations maintaining biodiversity.

6. What are the advantages and disadvantages of agri-environment schemes?

- Advantages : to help maintain the environment and preserve biodiversity, they usually receive grants and subsidies.
- Disadvantages : they are not capable of competing against large producers. The work is labour intensive, it is not suitable in the long term.

7. Why are physical factors not important in the Dutch market gardens ?

Because there is a high level of technology used in this type of farming so there is little variation in the physical inputs.

8. Why are flowers transported to the Netherlands to be sold from many other countries ?

Due to the size of the market there is in this country for flowers and they are then easily transported throughout Europe by road or rail.