

Milestones in Agricultural History

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1. Which ancient region is widely considered the site of the first agricultural revolution?

- A) The Fertile Crescent
- B) The Scandinavian Peninsula
- C) The Andes Mountains
- D) The Australian Outback

2. In what year did John Deere invent the first commercially successful steel plow?

- A) 1785
- B) 1837
- C) 1901
- D) 1865

3. Which crop was the first to be domesticated in the Americas?

- A) Wheat
- B) Rice
- C) Squash
- D) Potatoes

4. What 18th-century invention by Jethro Tull helped plant seeds in straight, efficient rows?

- A) The Seed Drill
- B) The Mechanical Reaper
- C) The Combine Harvester
- D) The Irrigation Pump

5. Who is known as the 'father of the Green Revolution' for developing high-yield wheat varieties?

- A) Norman Borlaug
- B) George Washington Carver
- C) Cyrus McCormick
- D) Gregor Mendel

6. Which machine, invented by Eli Whitney in 1793, revolutionized the processing of cotton?

- A) The Threshing Machine
- B) The Cotton Gin
- C) The Spinning Jenny
- D) The Power Loom

7. What major innovation in the 19th century allowed for the mass production of synthetic fertilizers?

- A) The Haber-Bosch process
- B) The Steam Engine
- C) The Printing Press
- D) The Telegraph

8. Which type of animal was the first to be domesticated by humans?

- A) Cow
- B) Horse
- C) Dog
- D) Sheep

9. What tool was traditionally used to harvest wheat before the invention of the mechanical reaper?

- A) Scythe
- B) Shovel
- C) Rake
- D) Pickaxe

10. Cyrus McCormick is famously associated with the invention of which 19th-century farm machine?

- A) The Mechanical Reaper
- B) The Milking Machine
- C) The Tractor
- D) The Baler

11. Which nutrient-rich organic material was one of the earliest forms of fertilizer used by humans?

- A) Plastic
- B) Animal manure
- C) Crushed glass
- D) Salt

12. What is the term for the early human transition from hunting and gathering to farming?

- A) The Industrial Revolution
- B) The Neolithic Revolution
- C) The Space Age
- D) The Iron Age

13. Which legume was historically one of the earliest crops cultivated in ancient Egypt?

- A) Soybeans
- B) Lentils
- C) Peanuts
- D) Chickpeas

14. What system of farming involves moving water from a source to dry land to assist in crop growth?

- A) Hydroponics
- B) Irrigation
- C) Dry farming
- D) Terracing

15. In what century did the tractor begin to replace horses and oxen on farms?

- A) 17th century
- B) 18th century
- C) 20th century
- D) 15th century

16. Which crop is native to the Andes Mountains and was introduced to Europe in the 16th century?

- A) Potato
- B) Corn
- C) Wheat
- D) Rice

17. What simple hand-held tool has been used for digging and soil cultivation since the Stone Age?

- A) Hoe
- B) Chain saw
- C) Leaf blower
- D) Lawn mower

18. Who was the scientist famous for promoting crop rotation and peanut-based agricultural products?

- A) George Washington Carver
- B) Louis Pasteur
- C) Isaac Newton
- D) Charles Darwin