

Grade 11 (Senior 3) Agriculture: A Cornerstone Industry

Overview

This course is designed to give the student an idea of the important role agriculture plays in the community, province, on the national scene, and around the world. The aim of the course is to make students aware of the main issues in agriculture and to ask key questions about those issues. Students will see the relevance of agriculture in politics, economics, and the social system. Students will gain an appreciation of some of the ethical and environmental choices the industry faces in production, marketing, and research.

Agriculture: A Cornerstone Industry explores many issues not dealt with in detail in any other school curricula. Even for those who do not choose a career in agriculture, the course can provide new insights about the changes taking place in one of the pillars of the world economy.

Major Topics

The study is divided into seven units: (Units V – VII require teacher development)

Unit I: Agriculture: A Necessity for Life

Unit II: Process from Production through to Consumption

Unit III: Agricultural Trends: Changes Resulting from Technology

Unit IV: Agriculture and the Environment

Unit V: Current Issues in Local, National and International Agriculture

Unit VI: Career Opportunities in Agriculture

Unit VII: Student Research in Agriculture

Learning Resources

- Curriculum document: Agriculture: A Cornerstone Industry is available from the Manitoba Text Book Bureau, Stock Number 80336.
- Recommended Teacher Resource: Agriculture: A Cornerstone Industry (1991) by K. Emmond, Published by Manitoba Education and Training; Manitoba Text Book Bureau Stock Number 52325
- Teacher Resource: Canadian Agriculture at a Glance (2001), Statistics Canada; Manitoba Text Book Bureau Stock Number 6756.
- Additional map and atlas resources may be required.