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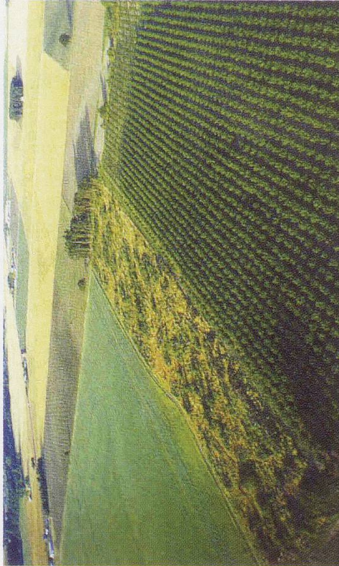
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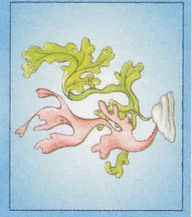
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Where did agriculture begin?



FACT FILE

Aquaculture is the controlled raising of aquatic animals and plants, of which seaweeds account for about 25 per cent. Aquaculture is an ancient occupation. Chinese people practised aquaculture between 3,500 and 4,000 years ago.



Agriculture was developed in different regions of the world at different times. People in southwest Asia began to grow cereal grasses and other plants about 9000 BCE. They also domesticated goats and sheep at about that time, and later they tamed cattle. In southeastern Asia, people had begun to cultivate rice by about 7000 BCE. People who lived in what is now Mexico probably learned to grow food crops about 7000 BCE. The invention of farming paved the way for the development of civilization. As prehistoric people became better farmers, they began to produce enough food to support larger villages. In time, some farming villages developed into the first cities.

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