

Plant and Animal Domestication Centers

Domestication is the process of adapting wild plants and animals for human use. Domestic species are raised for food, work, clothing, medicine, and many other uses. Domesticated plants and animals must be raised and cared for by humans. Domesticated species are not wild*. The map below shows where some plants and animals that you may eat today were originally domesticated.

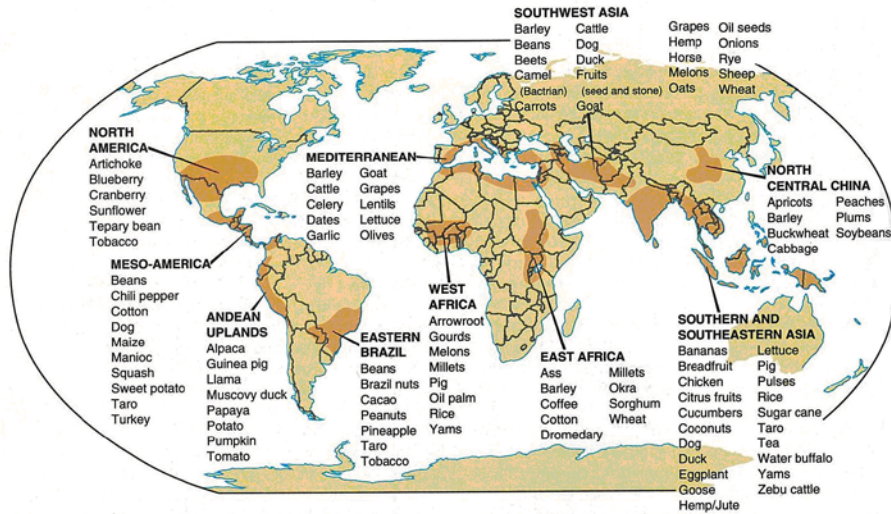


Figure 7-1. This map shows the origins of the world's food crops and domesticated animals. These plants and animals have been so widely redistributed, however, that today's leading producers of many of these are not the same as the areas in which they were first domesticated.

*education.nationalgeographic.com/encyclopedia/domestication/

As you now know, Spanish settlers brought domesticated animals with them when building the first colony in St. Augustine. From the list below, place the plant or animal in the correct category:

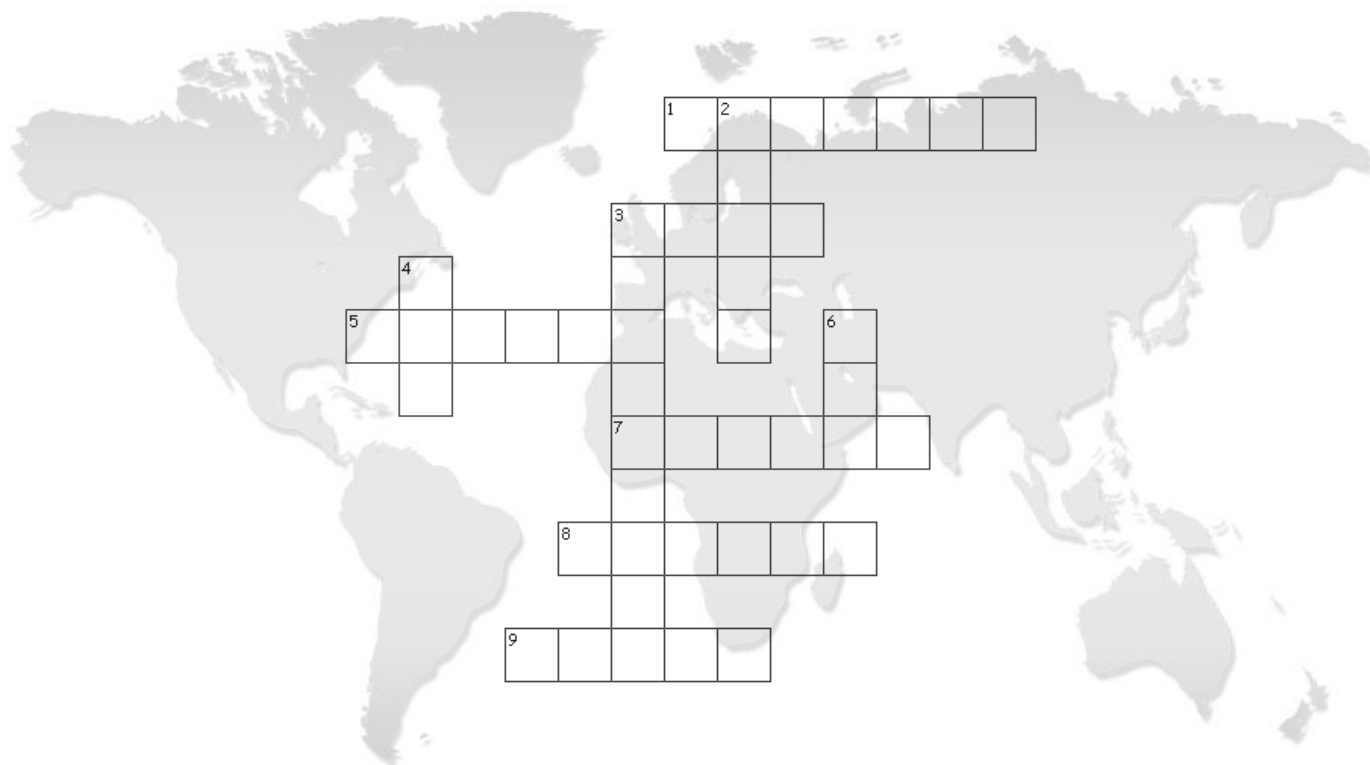
Squash, Pig, Cow, Wheat, Turkey, Orange, Deer, Sunflower

Was here before the Spanish

Was brought by the Spanish

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Complete the crossword puzzle below. Answers are on the bottom of the page.



Across

1. This animal is originally from Southeast Asia, but it didn't just "cross the road" to get here.
3. This plant comes from Mexico. You may have eaten it on the cob.
5. This vegetable is often made into french fries but comes from South America.
7. You might be surprised that this fruit comes from Southeastern Asia. It's Florida's official state fruit.
8. This long, yellow fruit comes from Southeast Asia. You might find it in an ice cream sundae.
9. This grain was originally domesticated in East Africa. We use it to make bread.

Down

2. Giddy-up! This animal was first domesticated in Southwest Asia.
3. This sweet treat was domesticated in South America. It's also called cacao.
4. This animal was domesticated in the Fertile Crescent and brought to the Americas by the Spanish. You could say it moo-ved a very long way!
6. Don't squeal! This animal was domesticated in both Africa and Asia.

Answers: Across: 1-Chicken, 3-Corn, 5-Potato, 7-Orange, 8-Banana, 9-Wheat. Down: 2-Horse, 3-Chocolate, 4-Cow, 6-Pig.