Main farming types in the UK

Landscapes for the modern farmer.

There are 3 main types of farming in Britain today, Arable farming, stock rearing and hill farming. Most farmers have a mixture of all three types (mixed farming), but some concentrate on one kind only. On large arable farms, farmers have ripped out hedges and demolished walls to make fields bigger so that they can use the land to grow more crops and it is easier to use farm machinery. Over the last 20 years there are fewer farms now than there was but the average size of the farm has increased.





Arable farming:crops grown include, potatoes, carrots, sugar beet, wheat, oats, barley, peas, beans, cabbages, maize. Some crops are sent abroad (exported) while others are used for home consumption

Crop spraying











Chicken rearing Turkey rearing

Pig farming Beef production

Dairy farming sheep farming

Egg production









Types of farming in the UK

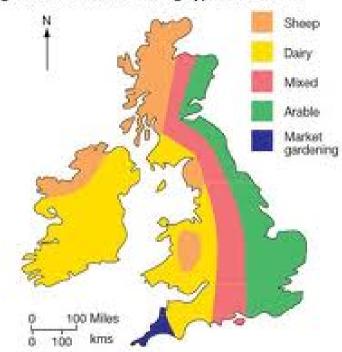


Fig 12.2 The main farming types in the UK

The different types of farming in the UK occurs because of the type of landscape as well as the climate and type of soil. Thus when the landscape changes so will the type of farming. There is an inter-relationship betweem all these factors.

On a map of the United Kingdom and Ireland show the different types of farming which affect landscapes.