

# Types of farming

Subsistence  
farming

Commercial  
farming



## Subsistence farming

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Intensive  
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# 1) Intensive subsistence farming

- Practiced in **overpopulated regions of South Asia.**
- Very small size land holdings** because of law of inheritance.
- Farming done **intensely** to get maximum yield.



## 2) Primitive subsistence farming

- Also called ***jhumming*** or shifting agriculture.
- Also called ***slash and burn*** agriculture.
- Practised in **backward areas by tribal people.**
- **Primitive tools** are used.
- **Not** environment friendly.



# Commercial farming

➤ Is practised for **sale of crops**.

➤ May be **intensive or extensive**.

Plantation farming

Intensive commercial farming

Mixed farming

Extensive commercial farming

# 1) Intensive commercial farming

- Size of holding is **small.**
- **Maximum yield** with irrigation, fertilisers and **hybrid seeds.**
- **Food crops.**
- Mainly practised in **river valleys.**



## 2) Extensive commercial farming

- Practised mainly in **sparsely populated** areas with **ample area** for cultivation.
- **Single crop**- wheat, corn, barley.
- **Mechanised** farming.
- Mostly practised in **temperate lands**.



## 3)Mixed farming

- Involves livestock raising and cultivation of crops on the same farm.
- Modern machinery used.
- Cattle and poultry thrive on farm wastes.
- Animals provide substitute income.





## 4) Plantation farming

- Predominance of a **single crop** farming.
- Raised on **large estates** of about 100 acres each.
- Are **scientifically managed**.
- Crops raised only for sale.
- Involves **large number of labourers** and **huge capital outlay**.
- Common in **Kerala**.

