Chapter 10 Chapter Responses

LDC Ethiopia

1. In Ethiopia agriculture is mainly subsistent (Wikipedia Agriculture). This means farmers focus on growing enough for their families to eat and survive off of (Subsistent Farming). Ethiopia also has commercial agriculture. This is when farmers produce a lot of crops to be sold, traded, and distributed (Commercial Farming).
2. In Ethiopia the farms are generally located in the highlands because they have good soil, and rainfall. The livestock farmers settle near the Great Rift Valley for the soil, and irrigation, and pastures. The lowlands are filled with diseases like malaria, and disease causing insects such as mosquitos, that discourage farmers from settling there. The average Ethiopian farmer holds 1.2 hectares of land, and 55.13% of farmers hold less than 1 hectare of land according to the CSA (Wikipedia Agriculture). 85% of the countries citizens are in the agriculture labor force (CIA World Factbook :: Geography). Ethiopia’s land has an estimated 70% of cultivable land, but only 11% is actually used so far (Ethiopia-Agriculture). In Ethiopia, all of the farm work is done by hand. They don’t have tractors and machinery like that, so they still use only their hands. 46.6% of the country’s GDP is from agriculture, and most of the main exports are crops (CIA World Factbook :: Economy).
3. In Ethiopia the main crops they grow are: cereals (grains and wheat), pulses (dry seeds), coffee, oilseed, cotton, sugarcane, potatoes, khat (tea), and cut flowers. They also supply hides from animals to use in the leather and textile industries. Their livestock includes: cattle, sheep, and goats. However they do supply fish as well (CIA World Factbook :: Economy). The main agribusinesses in Ethiopia are their sugar cane, coffee, and corn productions. Their main agribusiness however is the maize (corn), and they are the 2nd biggest maize producers of Africa (Ethiopia Agribusiness Report Q1 2013).

MDC Czech Republic

1. The Czech Republic has a commercial agriculture. It is mainly based on producing as much crops as possible to export and sell (CIA World Factbook ::Economy).
2. More then one-third of the Czech Republic’s farms have been made on forest land. Arable land has been declining considerably, so now most of the real estate farmland is less favorable areas. Each Czech farmer holds about 16 miles of land for farming (Agriculture in the Czech Republic). The agricultural labor force is 3.1% of the economy. That’s 11,644,500 of the workers (CIA World Factbook :: Economy). There have been no major cultivations in the agriculture in the Czech Republic. There are approximately 262.3 tractors for every 100 kilometers of arable land (Agricultural Machinery). The agriculture sector is 1.8% of the GDP.
3. The Czech Republics main crops are wheat, potatoes, sugar beets, fruits, and hops (female flowers). The main livestock are pigs and poultry. The Czech Republic has one big agribusiness: Beer. They produce hops, which are made into beer. The Czech Republic is the biggest beer producer in the world, and the Czechs consume the most beer each year.

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