Word Origin:
late Middle English: from Latin agricultura, from ager, agr- 'field' + cultura 'growing, cultivation'.

# Collocations:

### Town and country

Town

live in a city/a town/an urban environment (informal) a concrete jungle/the suburbs/shanty towns/slums

live (especially NAmE) downtown/in the downtown area/(BrE) in the city centre

enjoy/like the hectic pace of life/the hustle and bustle of city life

cope with the stress/pressure of urban life

get caught up in the rat race

prefer/seek the anonymity of life in a big city

be drawn by/resist the lure of the big city

head for the bright lights (of the big city/New York)

enjoy/love the vibrant/lively nightlife

have/be close to all the amenities

be surrounded by towering skyscrapers/a soulless urban sprawl

use/travel by/rely on (BrE) public transport/(NAmE) public transportation

put up with/get stuck in/sit in massive/huge/heavy/endless/constant traffic jams

tackle/ease/reduce/relieve/alleviate the heavy/severe traffic congestion

be affected/choked/damaged by pollution

## Country

live in a village/the countryside/an isolated area/a rural backwater/(informal) the sticks

enjoy/like the relaxed/slower pace of life

enjoy/love/explore the great outdoors

look for/find/get/enjoy a little peace and quiet

need/want to get back/closer to nature

be surrounded by open/unspoilt/picturesque countryside

escape/quit/get out of/leave the rat race

seek/achieve a better/healthy work-life balance

downshift to a less stressful life

seek/start a new life in the country

(BrE, informal) up sticks (NAmE, informal) pull up stakes and move to/head for...

create/build/foster a strong sense of community

depend on/be employed in/work in agriculture

live off/farm/work the land

tackle/address the problem of rural unemployment

### Example Bank:

• 50% of the country's population depends on agriculture.

# agriculture

culture

ag ri cul ture W2 /'ægrɪˌkʌlt∫ə \$ -ər/ BrE AmE noun [uncountable]

[Date: 1400-1500, Language: French; Origin: Latin agricultura, from ager 'field' + cultura 'use of land for crops']

the practice or science of farming:

More than 75% of the land is used for agriculture.

—agricultural /ˌæցrɪˈkʌlt∫ərəl∢/ adjective:

- agricultural land
- agricultural labourers

### —agriculturalist noun [countable]

### **THESAURUS**

- farm an area of land, used for growing crops or keeping animals: a 300-hectare farm | a dairy farm | a sheep farm
- ranch a very large farm in the western US, Canada, or South America where sheep, cattle, or horses are bred: a cattle ranch in Wyoming

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• smallholding British English a piece of land used for farming, that is smaller than an ordinary farm: a smallholding used for

organic farming

- plantation a large area of land in a hot country, where crops such as tea, cotton, and sugar are grown: a rubber plantation | a tea plantation
- homestead a piece of land for farming that was given to people in the past by the US and Canadian governments: He still farms on the family homestead, a hundred years after his grandfather received it.
- **spread** American English informal an area of land used for farming or ranching: They have a pretty big spread just south of the Canadian border.
- market garden an area of land, often with †greenhouses on it, used for growing vegetables and fruit: He runs his own market garden, and sells his produce to the big supermarkets.
- orchard an area of land with trees, used for growing fruit: an apple orchard | cherry orchards
- **allotment** *British English* a small area of land of land, especially in a town or city, which you can use for growing your own vegetables. The land is usually owned by the local council, who charge a very low rent: We grew the tomatoes on our allotment.
- agriculture the practice of farming: More than 75% of the land is used for agriculture.
- arable adjective relating to growing crops: a lack of arable land

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