

# CAIE Geography Pre-U

## 2B: The Provision of Food Glossary of Definitions



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**Carrying capacity-** Is the number of people that a region can support with its basic resources.

**Commercial farming-** Production of crops and animal products to be sold to gain a profit.

**Eutrophication-** Where a body of water becomes overly enriched with minerals and nutrients so that it induces excessive growth of algae.

**Fertilisers-** Material that is applied to soils or plant tissues to supply one or more plant nutrients essential to the growth of plants.

**Food security-** The availability of food in a given area and the ability of all individuals to access food supplies.

**Land grabs-** large scale land acquisitions that involve the buying or leasing of land in developing countries by domestic companies, TNCs, governments or individuals.

**Land reform-** a purposive change in the way that agricultural land is held or owned, the methods of cultivation, or the relation of agriculture to the rest of the economy.

**Monocultures-** The agricultural practice of producing or growing a single crop or livestock species, variety, or breed in a field or farming system at a time.

**Pesticides-** Chemical used to kill harmful plants or animals.

**Subsistence farming-** Where farmers grow crops and raise animals to feed themselves and their families.

**Sustainable-** Development that meets the needs of the present population without compromising the needs of future generations to meet their own needs.

