Week 1: Introduction to Agricultural Science

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**Lesson title:** Definition and importance of Agriculture.

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**Specific objectives:** After completion of this lesson, you should be able to:

1.define agriculture

2.State the importance of agriculture to the individual

3.State/list the importance of agriculture to the country/nation

4.state the importance of agriculture to the curriculum of teacher education.

Hello everyone, I’m very excited to share my knowledge with you on a very contemporary domain of agricultural science, i.e., Introduction to Agricultural Science. We are going to begin with the first week of this course, where our focus would be on understanding of the basics of Agriculture and more especially, you will learn:

a) What Agriculture is?

b) The importance of agriculture to you as individual and to the nation/country.

c) the importance of agriculture to the curriculum of teacher education.

**Lesson Content:** What is Agriculture?

Agriculture could be defined as the growing of crops

It could also be defined as the rearing of animals

Agriculture could also be defined as the growing of crops, the rearing of animals and the preparation of both plant and animal products for man’s use.

This brings us to the importance of Agriculture.

What is the importance of Agriculture?

This could be divided into three:

1.The importance of agriculture to the individual

2.The importance of agriculture to the country/nation.

3.the importance of agriculture to the curriculum of teacher education.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE TO THE INDIVIDUAL**

1It provides food for man and domestic animals

2.It provides income through the sale of both plant and animals and their products.

3.It provides clothing.

4. It provides shelter for man and some domestic animals.

 5 It creates employment for people.

5. It makes one to be self – reliant

**THE IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE TO THE NATION**

1It provides foreign exchange/foreign currency through the sale of cash crops like cocoa, coffee, rubber, timber, etc.

2.It reduces the rate of unemployment burden on the side of government

3.It helps to increase the standard of living of the people.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE TO THE CURRICULUM OF TEACHER EDUCATION**

1 To equip student/teachers with knowledge in agriculture to teach the subject in both primary and secondary schools.

2. to serve as rural animators or consultants

3.to have respect for manual labour.

4.to be self-reliant.

5. for self-employment

6.it serves as a foundation for further studies in agriculture.

**CONCLUSION**

 In this lesson we have learnt the definition of agriculture and its importance to the individual , to the nation/country as a whole and to the curriculum of teacher education.

So we are going to stop here and we hope to meet next week. Thank you