

Answer Key

Each question is worth 5 points each.

1. In 2001, wheat ranked what in value among all U.S. crops?
3rd
2. What year was the cotton gin invented?
1793
3. Mechanical cotton pickers could do what how many farmhands could do in a day?
80
4. What was a challenge to the first rice combines?
Muddy fields
5. What produces ½ of the sugar produced in the U.S.?
Sugar beets
6. In 1919 what disease killed 34 people who ate improperly canned California Black Olives?
Botulism
7. What method of harvesting grapes is still preferred?
Hand harvesting
8. What attributed to raisins popularity?
Allied troops eating them in WWII
9. What is the main goal of mechanization?
Cost containment
10. **Technology** is threatening to take farmers out of combines and other machines.