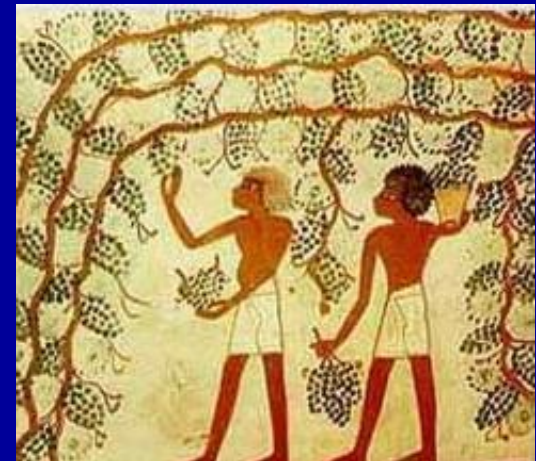


Farming in Ancient Egypt



What crops did the Egyptian Farmers grow?

Egyptians grew crops such as wheat, barley, vegetables, figs, melons, pomegranates and vines.



What else did they grow?

They also grew flax
which was made
into linen.



Where did the farmers grow their crops?

The Egyptians grew their crops along the banks of the River Nile on the rich black soil which was left behind after the yearly floods.



How many seasons were there in Ancient Egypt?

Egyptian farmers divided their year into three seasons, based on the cycles of the River Nile



Akhet

The Flooding Season.

June - September.

No farming was done at this time, as all the fields were flooded. Many farmers worked for the pharaoh instead, building pyramids or temples.



Peret

The growing season

October-February:

In October the floodwaters receded, leaving behind a layer of rich, black soil. This soil was then ploughed and seeded.

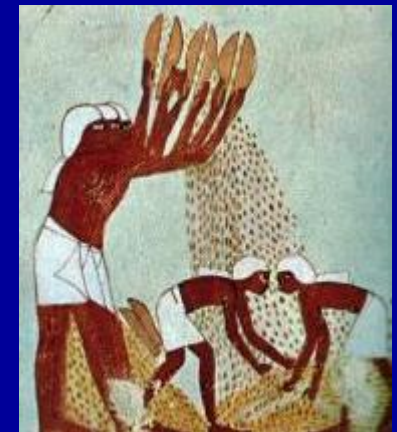


Shemu

The Harvesting Season

March-May.

The harvest season was the time when crops were cut and gathered. It was also the time to repair the canals ready for the next flood.

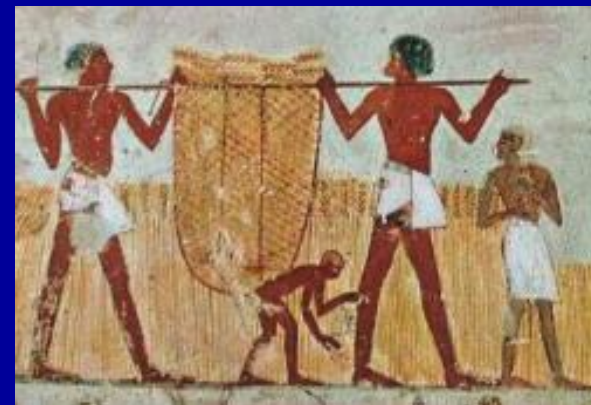


How was the corn harvested?

Reapers cut the ripe corn with wooden sickles, edged with sharp flints.



Women and children followed behind the reapers to collect any fallen ears of corn.



What happens next?

Cattle were used to trample over the cut corn to remove the grain from the ears.



Then the grain was tossed into the air so the breeze blew the light useless chaff away.

