Commercial vs. Subsistence Agriculture

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|  | **Subsistence(self, tribe)** | **Commercial ( lots of surplus, profit $)** |
| Size | small | large |
| Machinery | Low tech hand tools, horse & plow, hand dug irrigation | Hi-tech tractors, combines, engineered irrigation |
| % of labor force | High  Self-sufficient | Low  Relies on other Agri-business |
| Ownership | communal | private |
| consumption | Food is consumed on or near the farm by the family or tribe | Food is consumed far from the farm by customers paying $ |
| Wealth | Poor countries & LDC’s | Rich countries & MDC’s |
| Examples | Pastoral Nomadism (herding animals)  Shifting Cultivation(slash/burn  Swidden AG(slash\burn)  Intensive Rice (terrace, wet) | Small scale:  Organic Truck Farming  Market Gardening  Large scale:  Livestock feed lots  Giant Dairy farms  Agri-business |