

Minerals and Resources of Africa Notes

West and Central Africa

- Arable Land – _____

Chad's Agriculture:

- ____% is arable
- Nomadic people
- Raise cattle on the savanna
- Cotton in the South

Other natural resources:

Nigeria's Agriculture:

- ____% is arable
- _____ is the largest cash crop
- Rich in minerals
- Huge ____ reserves

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Desertification – _____:

- Herders allowing animals to graze down to the roots of plants, which makes the _____ less compact and leaves behind _____.
- Chopping down trees for firewood to sell.

Deforestation – _____:

- Trees being _____ down faster than they can grow back
- Soil dries out without the shade of trees to protect it from the heat of the _____
 - Ex. The _____ has a very high rate of _____ – 90% of the forests have been cleared in the last few decades
 - Also a problem in the _____ of the Congo

Southern and Eastern Africa

- “Southern Africa has more _____ and _____ resources than many other parts of the world”

Natural resources:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Mining

- Metals like _____, gold, platinum, _____, tin iron, and uranium
- Not all South African countries have similar amounts of _____
- Helps countries build strong _____, brings jobs to _____ people, yields _____ to sell around the world.
- Miners work _____ hours in very bad and _____ conditions
- Can also hurt the environment – causes pollution, leaves large scars on the land.

Farming

- Most of the countries in the Southern and Eastern region _____
- _____, Ethiopia, _____, and Namibia have little rainfall making it hard to _____ crops that need a lot of water
- Many farmers irrigate their lands including – _____, _____ and _____
- Drier areas usually raise _____ and other _____.
- Areas with more rainfall and fertile land grow – _____, _____ and _____ to export to other countries
- _____ is Ethiopia's most important export – **said to have originated there!**

Northern Africa

- What are the two most important resources in Africa?
_____ and _____

Water

- The _____ in Egypt is a vital source of water for the dry northern region
- Farming in the western part of the region and near Egypt include:
- _____, _____ and _____

Oil

- Every nation in northern Africa has enough oil to use for itself and to _____
- Most oil is found in the _____ of the _____

Other resources in this region:

- _____, _____ and _____