

WILL CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECT WHAT'S ON OUR PLATES?

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Climate change is affecting the growth of traditional grains such as wheat, meaning that people might need to get used to different grains, such as sorghum (above).

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Answer the following questions in full sentences:

1. What is this news story about?

A poor harvest in France as a result of a number of smaller factors rather than one big environmental event and the impact this could have on future farming techniques.

2. What were the causes of this poor harvest?

- **An unusually warm winter**
- **Intense rains leached nutrients out the soil**
- **Heat and damp increased the spread of diseases.**



3. Why did this poor harvest not affect many French people?

Because France is a wealthy country and had other sources of grain and food.

4. What effect could a poor harvest have on a less wealthy country?

Worsen poverty or cause a famine.

5. How will climate change how farmers work?

- **Less food will be produced**
- **Some crops may be less nutritious**
- **More climate change/drought tolerant crops may be grown**
- **Farmers will have to work harder to bring crops to harvest**

6. Write down the meanings of any words **in bold** in the article.

Harvest – the process/period of gathering crops

Yields – the amount produced through an agricultural or industrial process

Leached – drainage of minerals by rainwater

Famine – extreme food shortages/scarcity of food

Vulnerable – exposed to the possibility of being harmed

Drought – a period of abnormally low rainfall, usually leading to water shortages