

## Chapter – 8 Our Agriculture

**Answer these questions:**

Q1: Why can people grow many crops in India?

Ans: India has a favourable climate, fertile soil and good irrigation facilities. Hence people can grow many crops in India.

Q2: What is the difference between food crops and cash crops? Write three examples of each.

Ans: The crops which are grown to be eaten are called **food crops**. Example rice, wheat, pulses.

The crops which are grown to be used in industries or for sale in the market are called **cash crops**. Example sugarcane, jute, tea.

Q3: What has led to an increase in agricultural production since independence?

Ans: An increase in agricultural production since independence is due to –

1. use of better quality seeds
2. use of fertilizers and pesticides
3. use of tractors and other modern machines

Q4: How are cows, buffaloes and **bullocks** useful to us?

Ans: 1. Cows and buffaloes give milk. Their waste is used as manure.

2. Bullocks are used to plough fields, draw water from wells and pull carts.

Q5: Write the names of three states where inland fishing is popular.

Ans: Three states where inland fishing is popular are:

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. West Bengal
3. Assam