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CENTRAL AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Climate has much to do with the kinds of agricultural products grown in a country. In Central America, the hot, wet climate of the lowland regions along the coast is just right for bananas and sugar cane. The cooler, well-drained, sunny highlands make for perfect coffee-growing conditions.

The United States doesn't have the right conditions for growing bananas, sugar cane or coffee, so we buy these items from Central America. On the other hand, Central America doesn't produce the tools, vehicles, and farming equipment they need. So, we trade: they have things we want, and we have things they want.

The table lists three of the most important agricultural products for each Central American country (except Belize).

1. Which of the Central American countries is the leading

- a. banana producer? _____
- b. coffee grower? _____
- c. sugar cane grower? _____

2. What is the total number of tons produced of each of the following?

- a. bananas: _____

b. sugar cane: _____

c. coffee: _____

3. The information in the table can be shown in graphs. Seeing the information in graphs helps the reader quickly understand the relationships among countries and products.

a. Complete the bar graph of banana production in Central America. Remember that it may be necessary to estimate where a bar ends. Here is an example: Honduras grew 1,020,000 tons of bananas; therefore, its bar ends slightly past the 1,000,000-ton line.

b. Complete the picture graph of coffee production in Central America. Remember, it may be necessary to draw only a part of the coffee can symbol; for example, El Salvador grew 880,000 tons of coffee, so eight full cans and $\frac{4}{5}$ th of a can would be drawn on the graph.

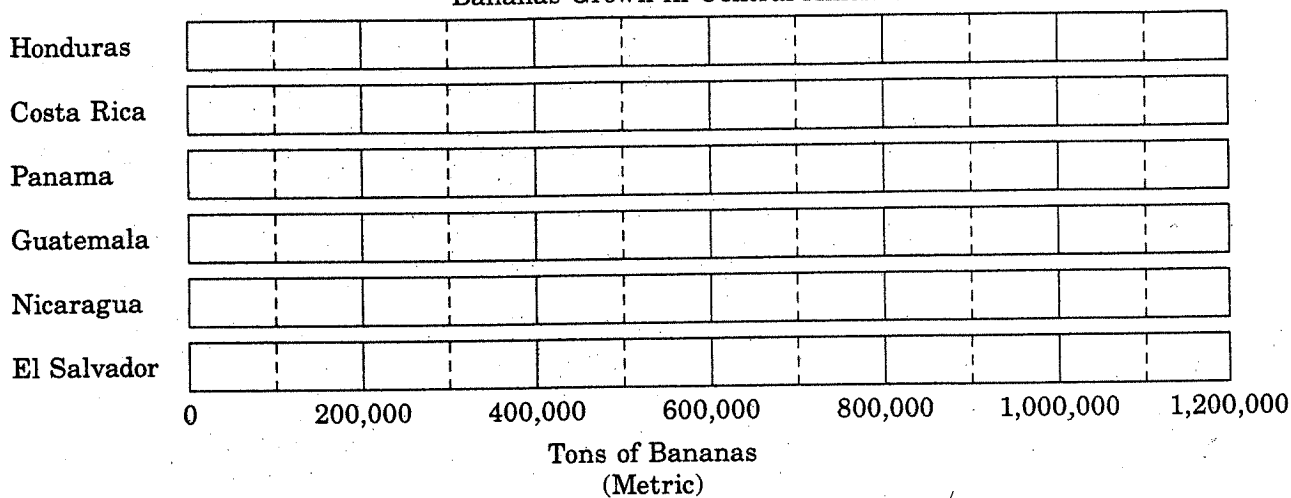
c. Complete the circle graph of sugar cane production. Notice that the circle is marked off into 100 segments. Each segment equals 1%. If one country grew 45%, for example, 45 segments should be counted. At the mark that ends the 45th segment, a radius should be drawn from the center of the circle. The wedge that results should be labeled with the name of the country.

THREE IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OF CENTRAL AMERICA

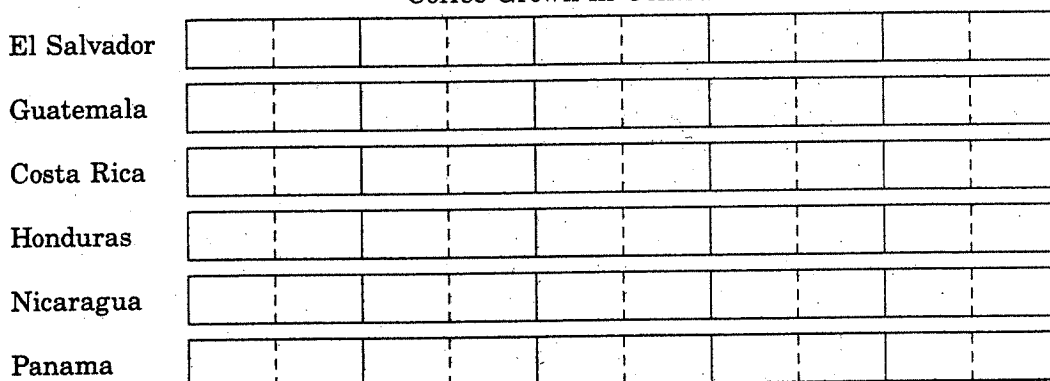
Country	Product	Tons (Metric)	Country	Product	Tons (Metric)
Costa Rica	Bananas	925,000	Honduras	Bananas	1,020,000
	Coffee	140,000		Coffee	70,000
	Sugar cane	3,000,000		Sugar cane	3,000,000
El Salvador	Bananas	35,000	Nicaragua	Bananas	119,000
	Coffee	880,000		Coffee	41,000
	Sugar cane	3,180,000		Sugar cane	3,000,000
Guatemala	Bananas	710,000	Panama	Bananas	905,000
	Coffee	160,000		Coffee	15,000
	Sugar cane	6,900,000		Sugar cane	1,600,000


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Bananas Grown in Central America



Coffee Grown in Central America



Each  Equals 100,000 Tons

PERCENT OF SUGAR CANE GROWN IN CENTRAL AMERICA BY COUNTRIES

Guatemala: 34%
El Salvador: 16%
Costa Rica: 15%
Honduras: 15%
Nicaragua: 12%
Panama: 8%

SUGAR CANE GROWN IN CENTRAL AMERICA

