Video: Biomes that produce our food, industrial materials and fibre

Geography

1. In what climatic conditions is the farm?
2. What does being in a ‘high rainfall area’ allow the farmer to do?
3. Where are the crops grown?
4. Where are the livestock grazed?
5. What is the wool seen as? How could it be used?
6. What are some of the ideas that are suggested in being able to farm profitably in to the future?

Answers:

1. Mediterranean climate, cool, wet winters, and hot dry summers. The majority of rainfall falls in winter and spring
2. Allows the farm to diversify across a number of different commodities. A mixed farm, farming sheet, cattle and cropping
3. On fertile black soils
4. Timbered areas
5. A by-product. It is used in carpet, and the finer wool in various clothing and bedding products
6. Try to run the farm as a system. Assessing the soil and land to either crop or manage livestock. Planting trees along fence lines and shelter belts for animals. Using technology: GPS, auto steer allows for greater efficiencies. Always looking for ways to improve using rapidly developing technology (yield mapping), irrigation and boom sprays with GPS technology. Remote monitoring with iPads.