

Brief Historical Description

7000-8000 B.C. Toltecs



## Precolombine Agriculture



Milpa: ancient agriculture system Chili, beans, pumpkin, quelites, maíz. To fertilize the soil each year they burn what is left (slash and burn).



## Aztec Agriculture 1300 A.C.



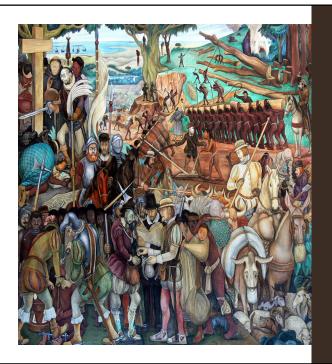
# Chinanpas

- Flowers
- Milpa
- · Lemon, watermelon
- · Green peas
- Alfalfa
- · Spinach
- · Radish
- arugula



### Virreynato 1531-1810

- New crops such as rice, oats, barley, sorghum, sugarcane, wheat, coffee, plum, peach, flax, hemp.
- Important agricultural products cotton, cocoa, vanilla and indigo, sugar cane and wheat.
- 16<sup>th</sup> century: olive and vine, silkworm, mulberry flax and hemp. Closed because represented competition for Spain.
- Haciendas: Land lord and farmers, native communals



#### Revolution 1910

- Between 1889 and 1890 the government of Diaz ordered that the native communal lands became plots.
- Before the Revolution of 1910, about 97% was owned by about 830 people. In contrast, about 3.5 million peasants had no land, while the total population was 14 million.
- · Land repartition

"Land and Freedom"



#### Green revolution



Norman Borlaug



"If you desire peace, cultivate justice, but at the same time cultivate the fields to produce more bread; otherwise there will be no peace"

1942 Begins in Sonora Mexico

Wheat before 750 kg/ha . After 3200 kg/ha

1956 Mexico self sufficient

**1990 GMO, NAFTA** 

2013 GMO, in mexican fields

2016-now Rearrange NAFTA

### Consequences

- · American dream
- Erosion
- · Poverty gap
- · Abandonment of arable land
- · Environnmental problems
- · Biodiversity loses
- · Social problems

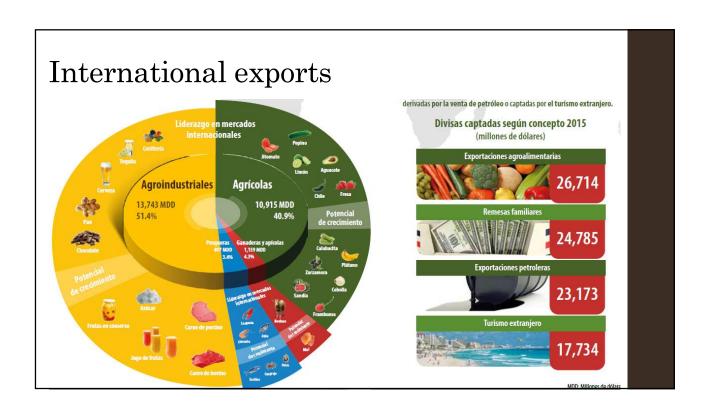


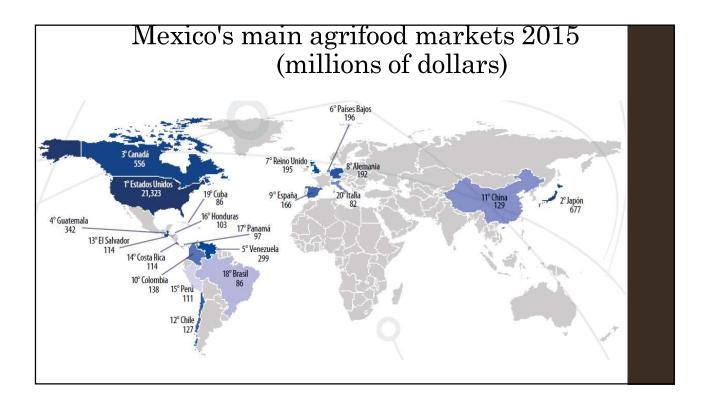
### Nowadays Overview

12<sup>th</sup> In world food production 13<sup>th</sup> In world production of agricultural crops 11<sup>th</sup> In world production of primary livestock 16<sup>th</sup> In world fishery and aquaculture production

5.3 million people work in agricultural activities







Of the 12 climates in the world Mexico have 9

Territory: 1,958,210Km2

GDP: \$1.5trillion (2016) Agriculture provides 4% of

GDP

Agriculture cycles:

Year-round: 28 products Temporary spring-summer and autumn-winter: 36

products



Territory agriculture: 18%

355.084 Km2

5.5 million hectares irrigated

area

The top 10:

1<sup>th</sup> Avocado 1,4 mt/yr

 $3^{th}$  sorghum 4.7 mt/yr.

 $4^{th}$  beans 1,2

6<sup>th</sup> sugar cane **61,1** 

 $7^{\text{th}}$  corn  $\mathbf{22,6}$ 

10  $^{\text{th}}$  tomatoes 2,6

 $10^{\text{th}}$  coffee 0,2

11 th cotton 0.6

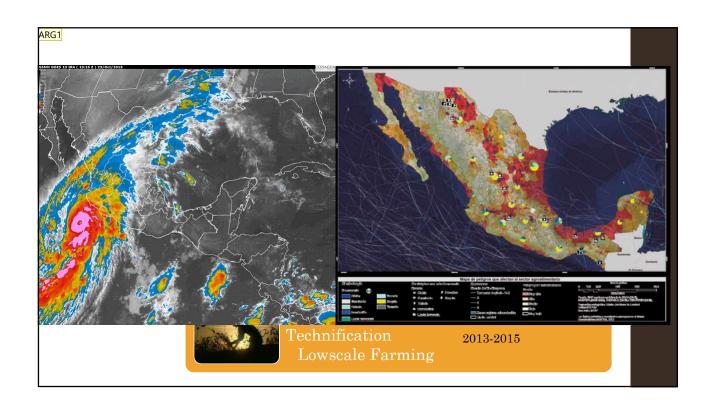
 $12^{\text{th}}$  banana 2,1

16  $^{\text{th}}$  soja **0,2** 

 $31^{th}$  wheat 3,3

66<sup>th</sup> rice 0,179







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