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Ans. The people of this region are very hard working. Their main occupation is farming. They use scientific methods of cultivation such as tractors, harvesters and combines. The Prairies are also known as the "Granaries of the world," due to the huge surplus of wheat production. Dairy farming is another major occupation of the people of prairies. Dairy farming and extensive agriculture both promote setting up of food processing industries.

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Ans. Prairies are practically tree-less. Where water is available, trees such as willows, alders and poplars grow. Places that receive rainfall of over 50 cm, are fertile. Crops grown in this area are maize, other crops including potatoes, soybean, cotton and alfa-alfa. Areas where rainfall is very little or unreliable, grasses are short and sparse. These areas are suitable for cattle rearing. Bison or the American buffalo is the most important animal of this region. The other animals found in this region are rabbits, coyotes, gophers and Prairie dog.