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- i. Velds are known for cattle rearing and mining.
- ii. People are engaged in farming where the land is fertile. The main crops are maize, wheat, barley, oats and potato. Cash crops like tobacco, sugarcane and cotton are also grown.
- iii. Sheep rearing is the most important occupation of the people in the warmer and wetter regions. Sheep is bred mainly for wool and has given rise to the wool industry in the velds.
- iv. Dairy farming is the next important occupation. The dairy products like butter, cheese are produced for both domestic supply and also for export.

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Ans. Distinguishing features of the prairies are:

- i. The temperate grasslands of North America are known as the Prairies. It is a region of flat, gently sloping or hilly land.
- ii. For the most part, prairies are treeless but, near the low lying plains, flanking river valleys, woodlands can be found.
- iii. Tall grass, upto two metres high, dominates the landscape. It is actually a "sea of grass."
- iv. The prairies are bound by the Rocky Mountains in the West and the Great Lakes in the East.
- v. Prairies cover parts of United States of America and parts of Canada. In the USA, the area is drained by the tributaries of Mississippi and the Canadian prairies are drained by the tributaries of Saskatchewan Rivers.