

Comparing and contrasting rice and tobacco agriculture

Directions: Read the articles "[The Importance of Rice](#)" and "[Tobacco Farming the Old Way](#)" from the North Carolina digital history textbook. The first discusses how rice production helped support North Carolina's economy for many years in the colonial era, and the second explains the process by which tobacco was grown for generations. (It's important to remember, however, that colonial farmers may have done all tobacco growing by hand rather than with mules.) Then compare and contrast how these crops were produced, from preparation of the soil to finished product.

