

## **Dutch Farm Survey**

4th Grade Social Studies – Colonial Immigration

Lesson Title: **Going Dutch**

### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS** **(The Europeans Who *Really*...)**

**Agriculture :** When people plant and raise plants that produce grains, like wheat, barley, rice, and corn; all grain plants evolved from grasses. Sometimes called "farming."

**American Northeast :** Usually considered to be the northeastern states of the United States, including New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. This depends on who uses the term; it may also include Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, even Ohio, or parts of Canada.

**Culture :** The ways a particular group of people does things — things like religion, art, language, fashion, and rules.

**Domestic :** Any plant or animal raised by people; it usually means an entire species that is almost always raised by people, almost never wild.

**Environment :** The plants and animals around you, as well as the weather, the shape of the land, the amount of water — and the other people. The Europeans not only changed the Native Americans' environment; they became part of it.

**Erosion :** When dirt and rocks are stripped away by natural forces like water and wind.

**Evolution :** When something changes over time in order to survive better in its environment. Also called "adaptation."

**Farming :** When people raise domestic plants and animals. Sometimes it just means raising grain plants; see Agriculture.

**Fertilizer :** Something added to the soil (dirt) to feed the plants growing in it.

**Husbandry** : When people raise domestic animals; however, this term does not include raising pets like dogs and cats.

**Organism** : Any living thing.

**Maize** : What we call "corn"; it evolved from a type of grass in Central or South America.

**Politics** : Government, or people trying to make decisions and rules.

**Polluted / Pollution** : When harmful chemicals get into something like the water or air.

**Species** : A particular type of living thing, whether it is a plant, animal, or tiny organism. Even though it ends in "ies," you can say "*a species*" and "*one species*."

**Three Sisters** : Maize, squash, and beans, which were grown together because they help each other to grow. This was the major farming method for Native Americans throughout much of what is now the United States.