First farming



Food so far...

Hunters and gatherers were responsible for bringing food to the rest of the community. Only certain foods were available at different times of the year. For example blackberries only come out in late summer and autumn. They also needed access to clean water for survival; therefore they had to live near a water source like the River Lagan. They had to keep moving their settlements when they had used up all the resources in an area. Then they made a big discovery...

The settlers stored grain throughout the winter months.

They began to notice that some grain that had been dropped had sprouted.

Some of the men and women experimented and eventually realised that if they scattered seeds in spring, they began to grow and were ready to harvest in autumn.

This was hard to do by hand, so they soon began to use animals to help. Cows pulled a plough to get the land ready for the seeds and sheep and goats tramped the seeds into the ground.

When the crop was ready, they used their tools to harvest it.



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