

Origin of the World's Crops

CROP	APPROXIMATE DATE	ORIGIN LOCATION
Bananas	500 B.C.E.	South East Asia
Barley	5,000 B.C.E.	Fertile Crescent
Cotton	500 B.C.E.	Ganges River
Grapes	3,000 B.C.E.	Turkey/Asia Minor
Maize (Corn)	5,000 B.C.E.	Mexico/Central America
Millet	5,000 B.C.E.	Huang He River, China
Olives	3,000 B.C.E.	Italy/Greece
Peas	3,000 B.C.E.	Turkey/Asia Minor
Potato	2,000 B.C.E.	Peru/Central Andes Mountains
Rice	5,000 B.C.E.	Indus River Valley
Sorghum	500 B.C.E.	West and East Africa
Soybeans	5,000 B.C.E.	Yellow/Huang He Rivers, China
Squash	2,000 B.C.E.	Mexico/Central America
Sweet Potatoes (Yams)	2,000 B.C.E.	Peru/Central Andes Mountains
Tomatoes	2,000 B.C.E.	Peru/Central Andes Mountains
Wheat	8,000 B.C.E.	Fertile Crescent

Some other crops that we grow today also have different and strange origins. See the map below

