AP Human Geography

Produce Field Study

Directions: Choose any five produce items such as vegetables, fruits, etc.. Two must be considered “organic.” Complete the following chart about your products.

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|  | Produce #1: | Produce #2: | Produce #3: | Produce #4: | Produce #5: |
| Where is it grown? |  |  |  |  |  |
| What is the approximate price per pound? |  |  |  |  |  |
| What is the climate like in the region? |  |  |  |  |  |
| What is the dominant crop in the region? |  |  |  |  |  |
| How does the transport of this product relate specifically to the concept of Truck Farming discussed in the reading?   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Which MAJOR corporations/companies are involved in the distribution of this product? Where are these companies headquartered?   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Typically, how long would this product’s shelf life be?   |  |  |  |  |  |

For the TWO Organic products:

1. Why are these products considered organic?
2. Discuss how the growing process of organic foods is different from that of the same product grown using traditional methods?
3. Explain why the price of organically grown foods is typically higher than that of traditionally grown foods?