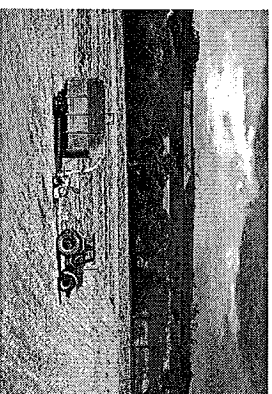


# RESOURCES

## What Are Resources?

**Resource:** any part of physical environment that people value and use to meet their needs or provides a benefit.

### Some Examples of Resources

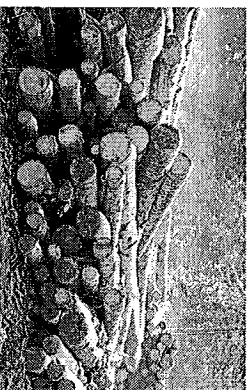


#### Land or Open Space

This includes arable land, or land that is good for farming. Space can be useful for building anything and can sometimes become very limited.

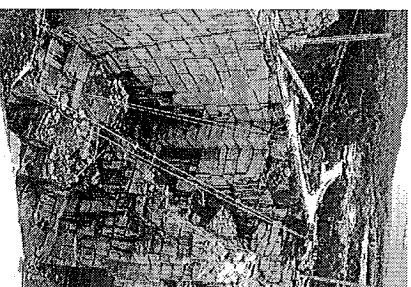
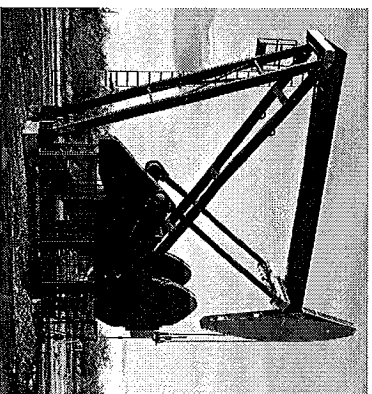
#### Trees and Timber

Trees, wood, and lumber are often used for building and also burned for a source of heat or to generate electricity. w



#### Oil or Petroleum

Crude oil, also known as petroleum, is a flammable liquid. It is often burned to produce energy. Many common products are produced from crude oil, such as gasoline, asphalt, plastics, and even medicine.



#### Mineral Resources

Mineral resources are anything that has valuable or useful minerals in it. A mineral is something that is made naturally. Oil is a mineral resource, but so are the following:

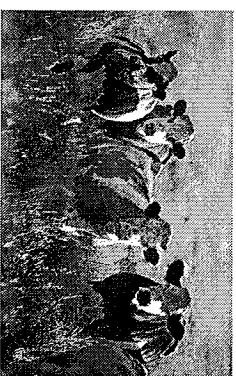
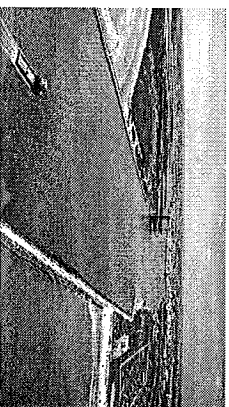
- Coal
- Gold
- Copper
- Granite
- Nickel
- Uranium
- Platinum
- Silver

There are actually over 4,000 known minerals.

The picture on the left shows a quarry to mine granite or hard rock.

#### Cattle

Cattle or other animals are actually a resource as well. They can be used to help do work, as a source for milk, and as a source of food.



#### Water

Water is a resource used for energy production, transportation, consumption, hygiene, and irrigation.

#### Wind and Solar

Wind, solar, and even geothermal heat are resources that can be turned into energy.

