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THE COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE

The **Columbian Exchange** has been one of the most significant events in the history of world ecology, agriculture, and culture. The Columbian Exchange describes the enormous widespread exchange of plants, animals, foods, human populations (including slaves), communicable diseases, and ideas between the Old World (Europe, Africa and Asia) and the New World (North America and South America) that occurred after 1492. Christopher Columbus' first voyage launched an era of large-scale contact between the Old and the New World that resulted in the ecological revolution: hence the name "Columbian" Exchange.

The Columbian Exchange greatly affected almost every society on earth, bringing destructive disease that depopulated many cultures, and also circulating a wide variety of new crops and livestock that, in the long term, increased rather than diminished the world human population.

Directions: For each of the following items, identify those that were found only in the Old World and those found only in the New World *before* 1492. Write 'OW' for Old World and "NW" for New World. Make a check beside the foods that you have consumed in the past week. Remember that some foods have hidden ingredients such as corn syrup in soft drinks, chili pepper in hot sauce, and oats in breakfast cereal.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cat | <input type="checkbox"/> Blueberry | <input type="checkbox"/> Barley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goat | <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco | <input type="checkbox"/> Pig |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber | <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato | <input type="checkbox"/> Cocoa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Squash | <input type="checkbox"/> Cholera | <input type="checkbox"/> Chile Pepper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Potato | <input type="checkbox"/> Cherry | <input type="checkbox"/> Plantation system |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silkworm | <input type="checkbox"/> Gunpowder | <input type="checkbox"/> Dandelion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avocado | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Potato | <input type="checkbox"/> Cabbage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow fever | <input type="checkbox"/> Pumpkin | <input type="checkbox"/> Maize (corn) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse | <input type="checkbox"/> Watermelon | <input type="checkbox"/> Pecan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guinea pig | <input type="checkbox"/> Beets | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coca | <input type="checkbox"/> Onions | <input type="checkbox"/> Mango |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domesticated rabbit | <input type="checkbox"/> Cinnamon | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vanilla | <input type="checkbox"/> Lettuce | <input type="checkbox"/> Syphilis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manioc (cassava, tapioca) | <input type="checkbox"/> Olive | <input type="checkbox"/> Llama |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pigeon | <input type="checkbox"/> Cantaloupe | <input type="checkbox"/> Measles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep | <input type="checkbox"/> Soybean | <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Papaya | <input type="checkbox"/> Cow | <input type="checkbox"/> Cashew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smallpox | <input type="checkbox"/> Spinach | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicle (chewing gum base) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banana | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis | <input type="checkbox"/> Pineapple |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peanut | <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Bluegrass | <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cash crop | <input type="checkbox"/> Rat | <input type="checkbox"/> Quinine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rice | <input type="checkbox"/> Ginger | <input type="checkbox"/> Taro |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Lima Bean | |