

TABLE 2
VARIETIES OF OLD AND
NEW WORLD STAPLES¹⁹
 (in millions of calories per hectare)

Chief American Crops		Chief Old World Crops	
Maize	7.3	Rice	7.3
Potatoes	7.5	Wheat	4.2
Sweet potatoes and yams ^a	7.1	Barley	5.1
Manioc	9.9	Oats	5.5

^a Food and Agricultural Organization documents group sweet potatoes and yams together. The caloric value for sweet potatoes is higher than for yams, and more sweet potatoes are raised than yams, so I feel justified in including this statistic.

TABLE 1
WORLD POPULATION
 (in millions)¹

	1650	1750	1800	1850	1900	1950
Africa	100	95	90	95	120	198
Asia (excluding USSR)	327	475	597	741	915	1,320
Latin America	12	11	19	33	63	162
North America	1	1	6	26	81	168
Europe and USSR	103	144	192	274	423	593
Oceania	2	2	2	2	6	13
Total	545	728	906	1,171	1,608	2,454