Introduction to Agriculture

All of the *Jewish festival* holidays had an agricultural element to them.

Agricultural laws include *Kilayim*, *Orla*, *Reishit*, *Teruma/Ma'aser*, *Shmita*, *and Yashan*, as well as special laws applying only to fruit trees. Some of these laws still apply today by *Torah* law (d'oraita) while others, such as First Fruits (*bikurim*), only apply when the Jerusalem *Temple* stands and so are not practiced now. Others are observed today as "practice" for when the *Temple* is rebuilt.

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