ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How did the land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers support agriculture?

* Between rivers good,
* Barley, dates, seeds grew by rivers (plant them elsewhere)
* Mountain run off (floods) in spring brought silt (minerals)

REVIEW QUESTION

What made Mesopotamia a good region for farming?

* Canals for farming.
* **Mostly flat in the valleys.**

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How did the climate affect farmers?

* Spring – Flash floods from mountains, wash away crops/seeds, etc
* Summer – really hot, dry… would kill crops… famine.
* Winter – sudden downpours cause flash floods… makes mud.

REVIEW QUESTION

How did Mesopotamians water their crops during droughts?

* Built dams to prevent floods / hold water. Use as needed
* Dug canals to get water to crops for irrigations. Fix own canals.