

IN THIS ATLAS

The *Nystrom World Atlas* offers rich coverage of the world, each continent, and key regions. Most continents and regions have two general reference maps.

- **Land cover maps** highlight the big patterns of cropland and other vegetation.
- **Political maps** highlight cities, countries, and other political divisions.

The World and the United States each have a third general reference map.

- **Elevation maps** highlight the big patterns of mountains, lowlands, and landforms.

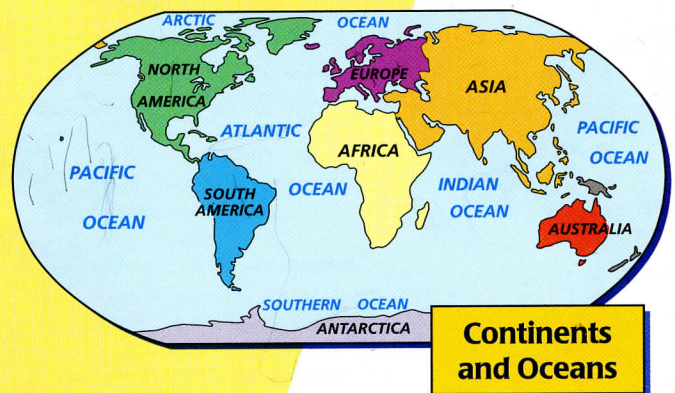
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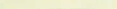


Statistics and estimates are from government and United Nations sources: populations for the most recent available date, other data averaged over the three most recent available years.





Political Map Europe

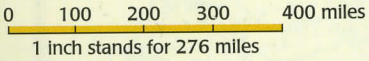
Boundary Symbols

-  International boundary
-  Other boundary (disputed or undefined)
-  Small country

City Symbols

- Barcelona** ● A city's relative size is shown by the size of its symbol and lettering.
- Glasgow ●
- Constanta ●
- Moscow** ⊕ National capital

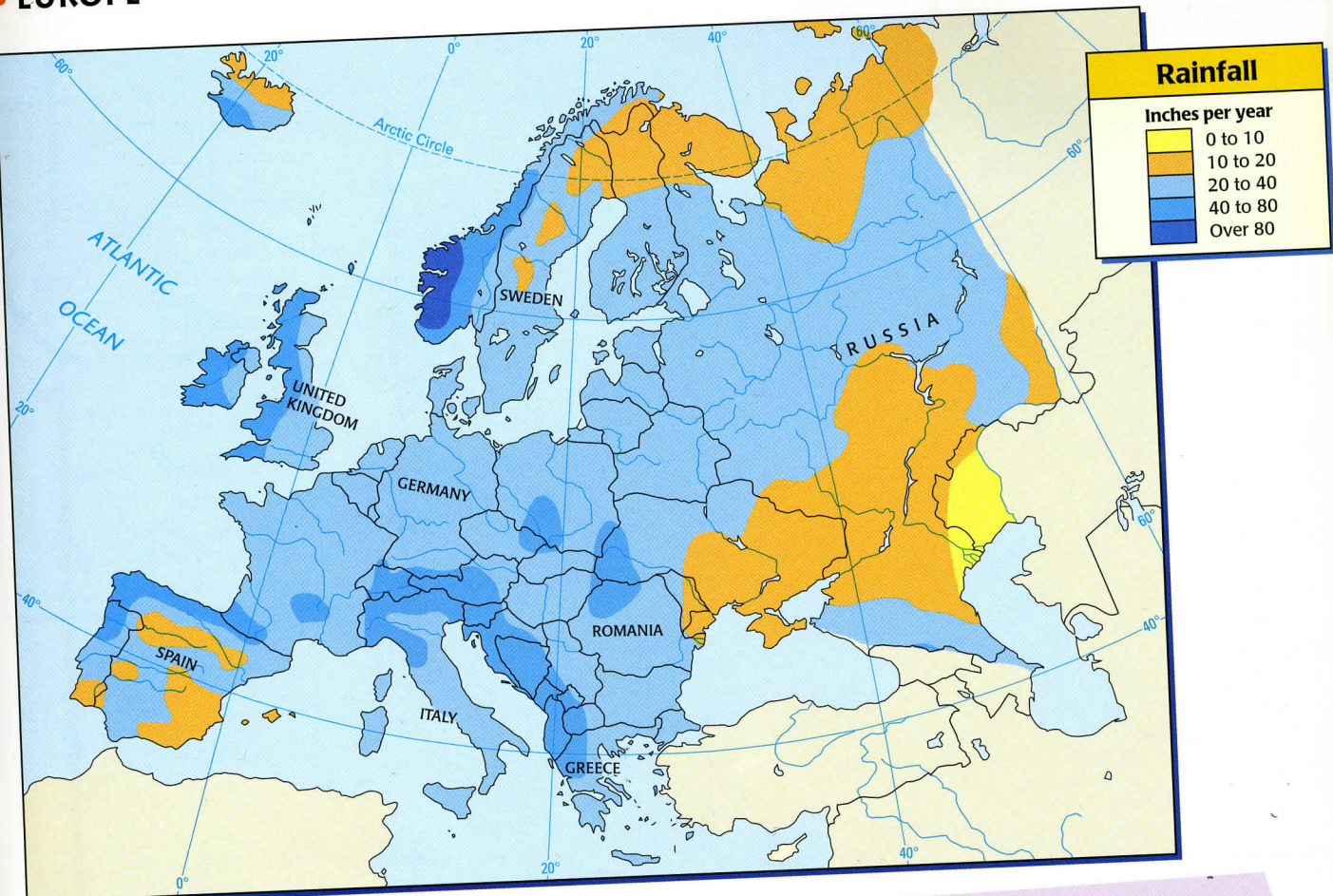
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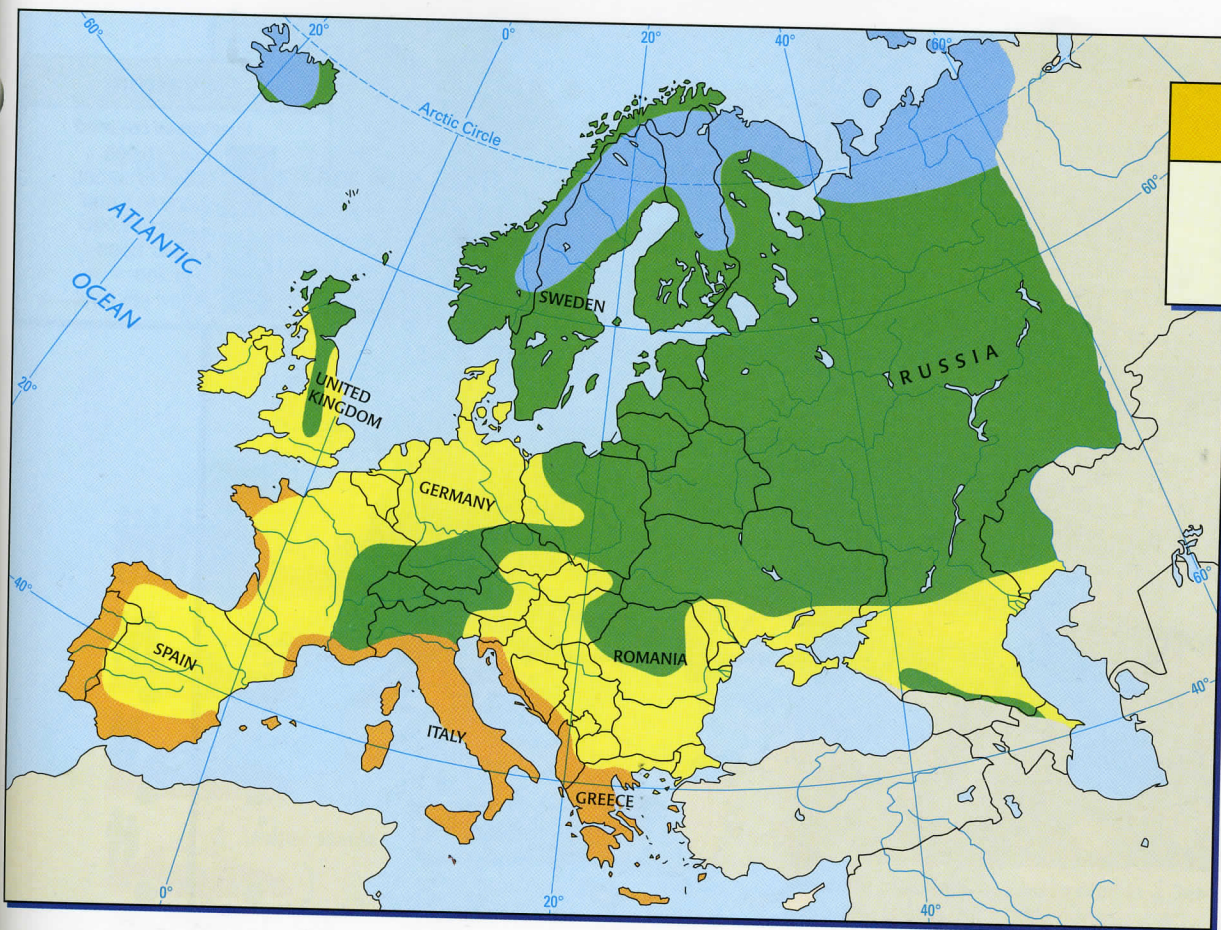


Focus on Highways of Water

- The Rhine and Danube Rivers and the rivers and canals that flow into them form a vast inland waterway.
- Barges and boats provide cheap transportation for raw materials and finished goods.
- The network's busiest river is the Rhine.



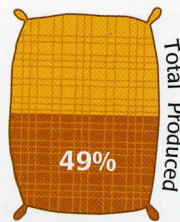
A river barge passes Frankfurt, Germany. The city sits on the banks of the busy Main River, which flows into the Rhine.



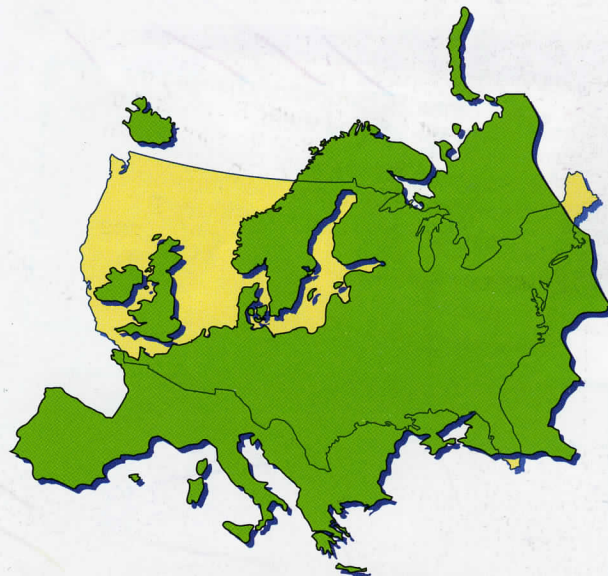
Growing Season

Months

Light Blue	Under 3
Green	3 to 6
Yellow	6 to 8
Orange	8 to 12



France's Wheat Exports

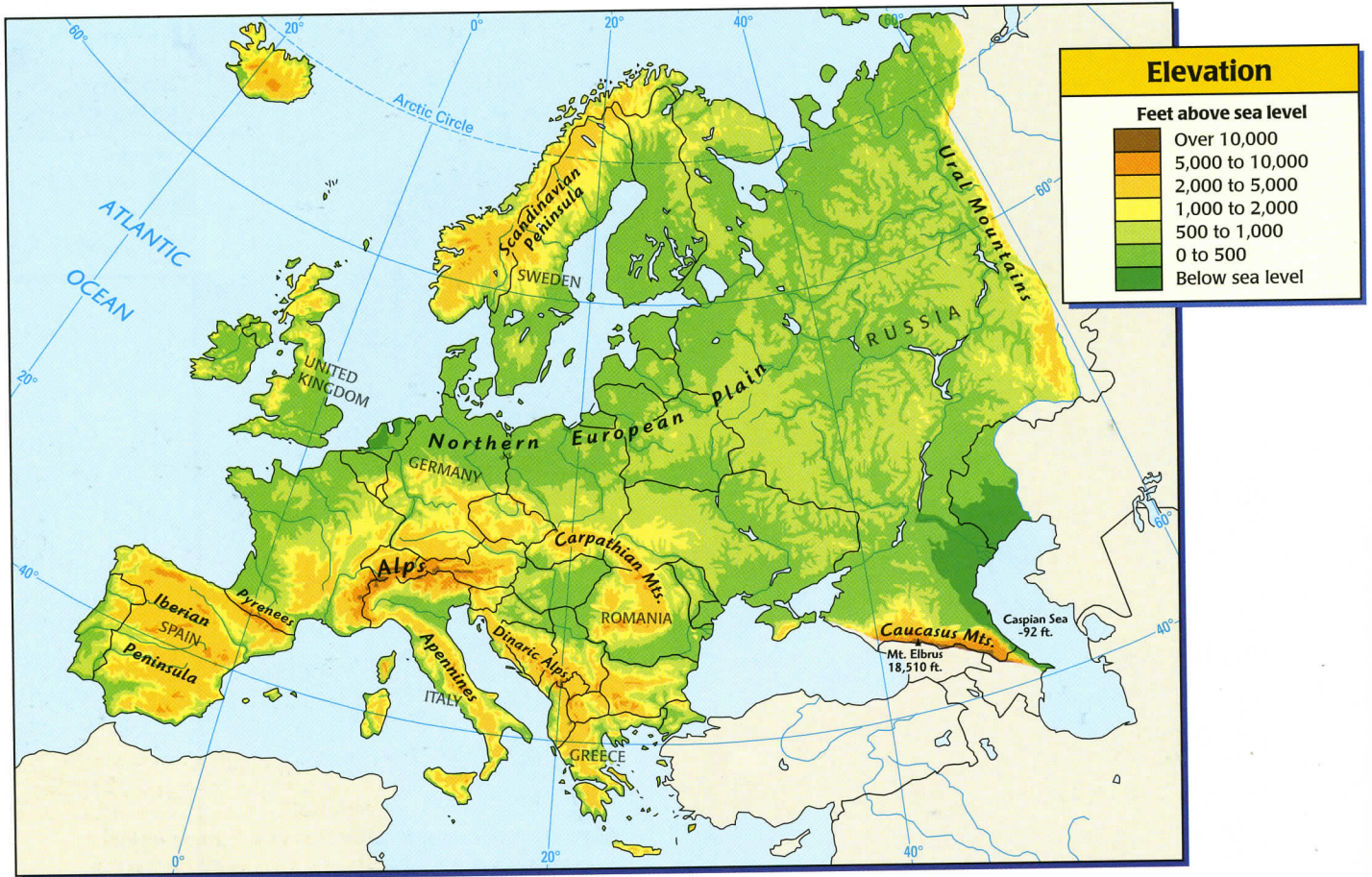


Europe's Size and Shape

Europe	4,033,000 sq. mi.
48 States	3,021,295 sq. mi.

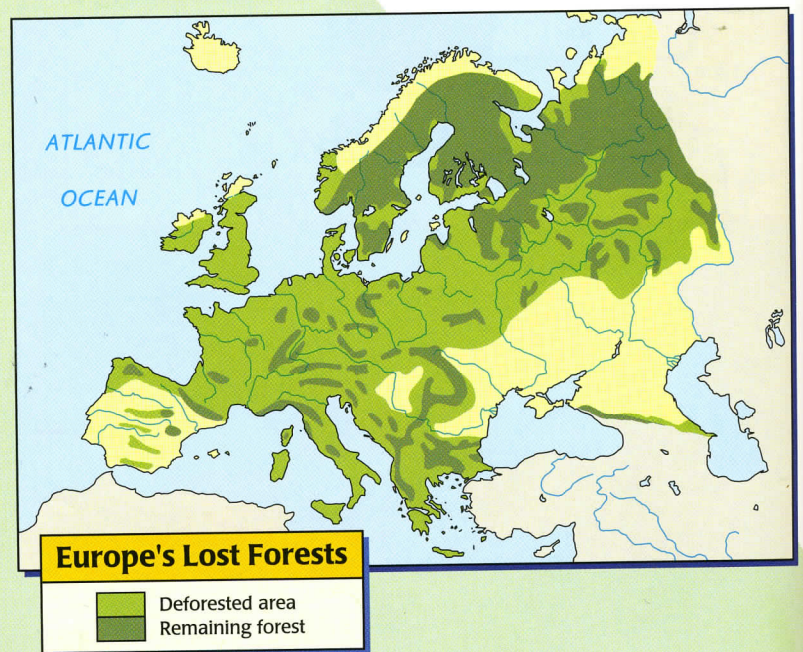


Farmers harvest wheat in Russia. Most of Europe has a climate that favors farming.



Focus on an Unnatural Landscape

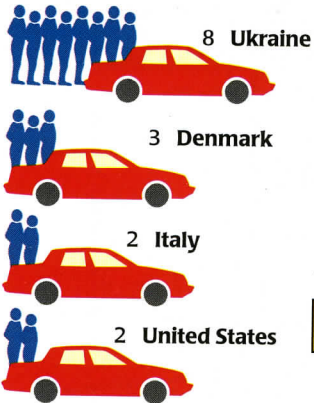
- For centuries Europeans changed the landscape around them.
- European forests were cleared for farmland and to provide timber for ships and charcoal for industry.
- Early factories and growing cities polluted the air and water.



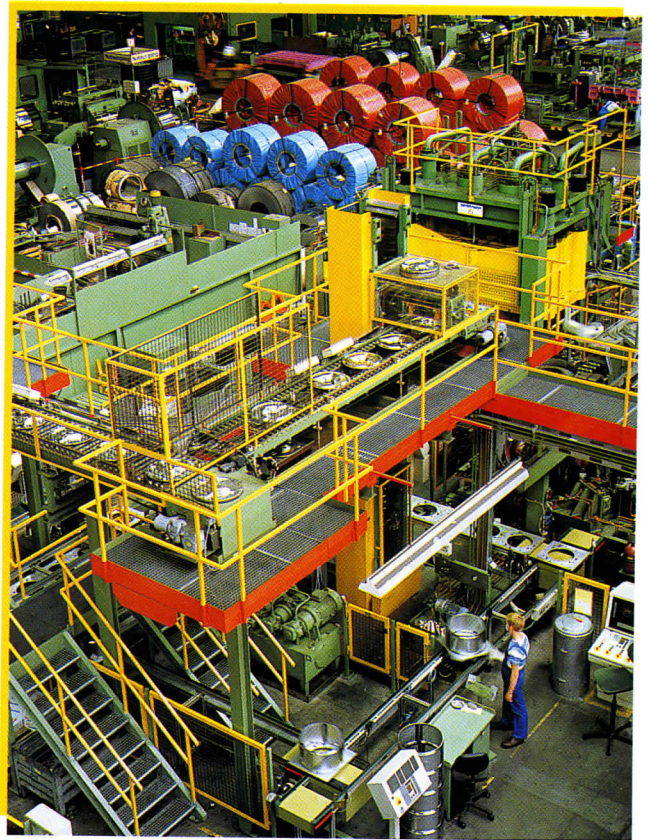
Industries began polluting Europe long ago. But recent laws have helped restore cleaner air and water.

Where Was *That One* Made?

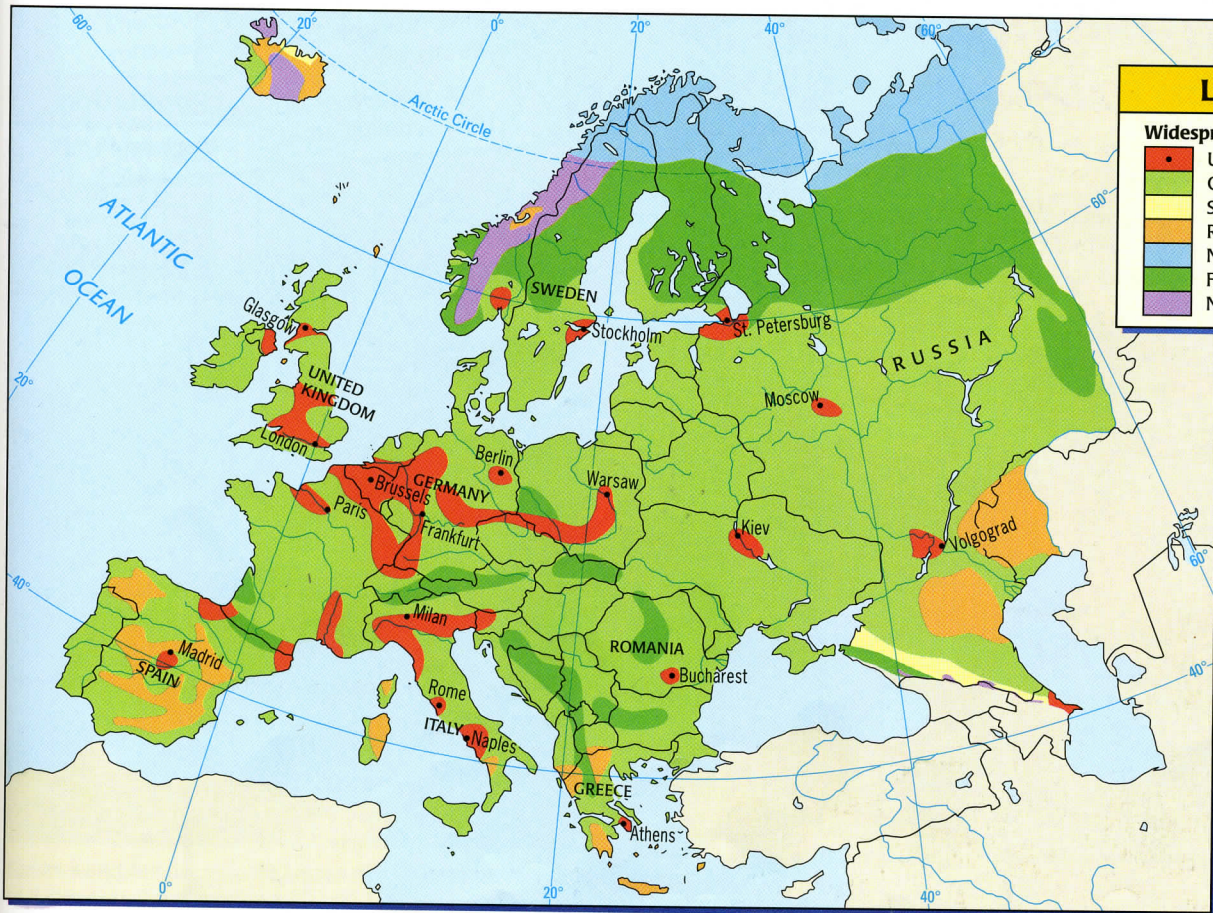
Some of the best-known cars in the world are Mercedes-Benz, Fiat, Volkswagen, Rolls-Royce, Volvo, Ferrari, Jaguar, and Peugeot. Can you match these brands with the countries where they were first built?



People per Car



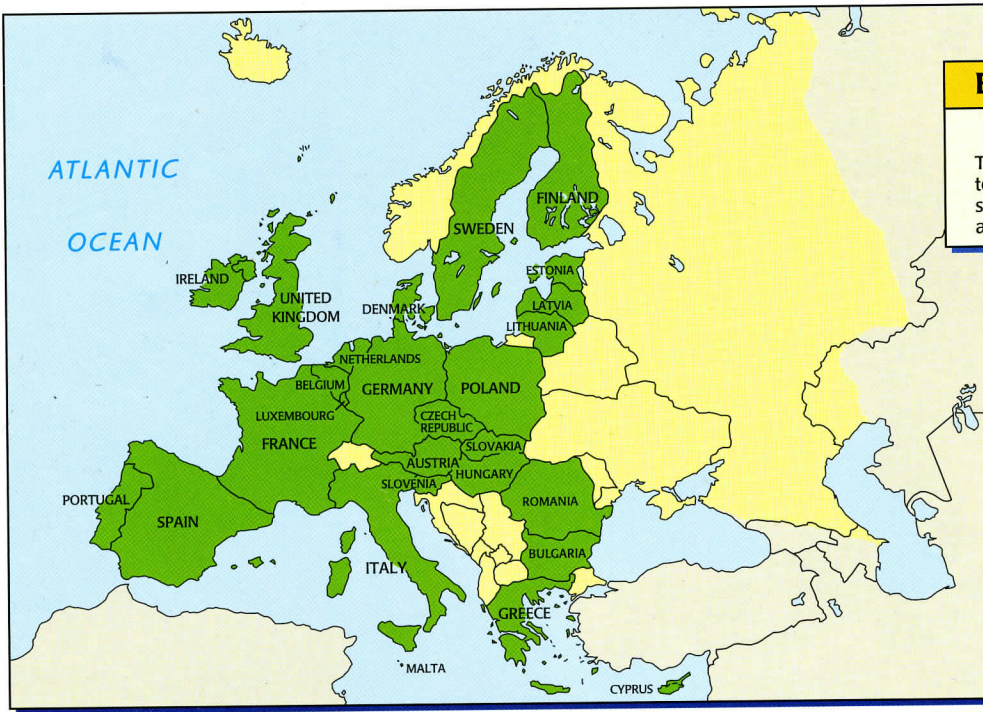
Washing machines are assembled in a German factory. Germany is also the largest car manufacturer in Europe.



Land Use

Widespread economic uses

- Urban
- Commercial farming
- Subsistence farming
- Ranching or herding
- Nomadic herding
- Forestry
- No widespread use



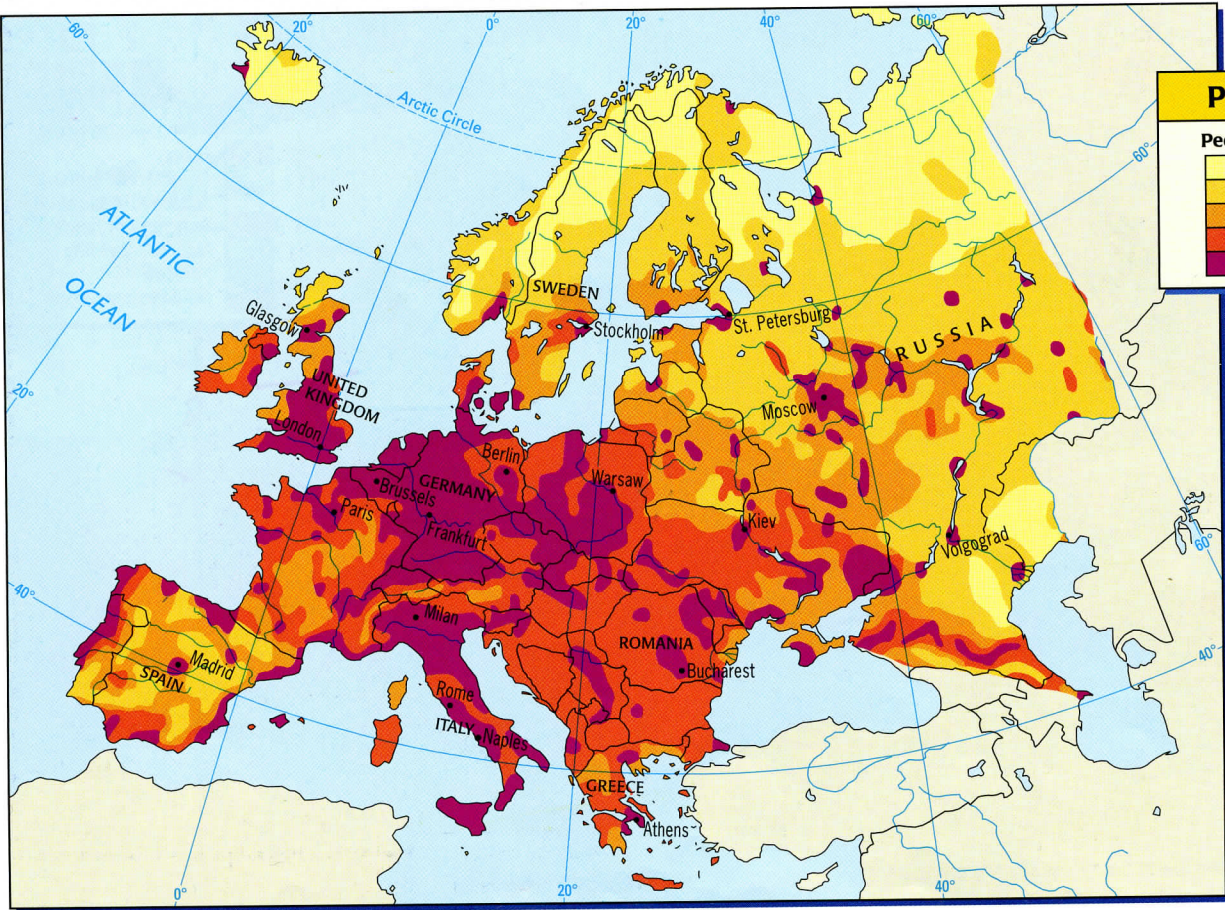
European Union

Member country

The European Union exists to encourage prosperity, security, and cooperation among its members.

Parlez-vous Anglais?

English is the second-most widely spoken language in the world after Mandarin Chinese. About 400 million people use it daily. Another 300 million use it as their second language—often for business. French and Swedish executives may not speak each other's language, but both may speak English.



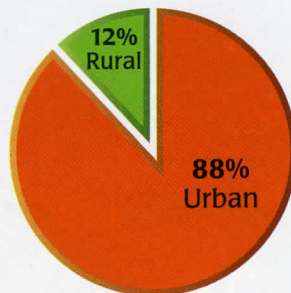
Population

People per sq. mile

	0 to 5
	5 to 50
	50 to 100
	100 to 250
	Over 250

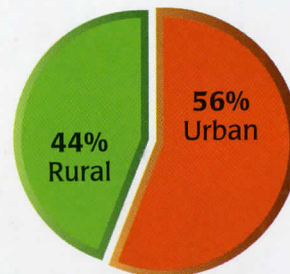


Rome's Colosseum was built almost 2,000 years ago, when Rome ruled the Mediterranean region and Western Europe. It is one of the world's most famous landmarks.



Germany

Urban Population



Portugal

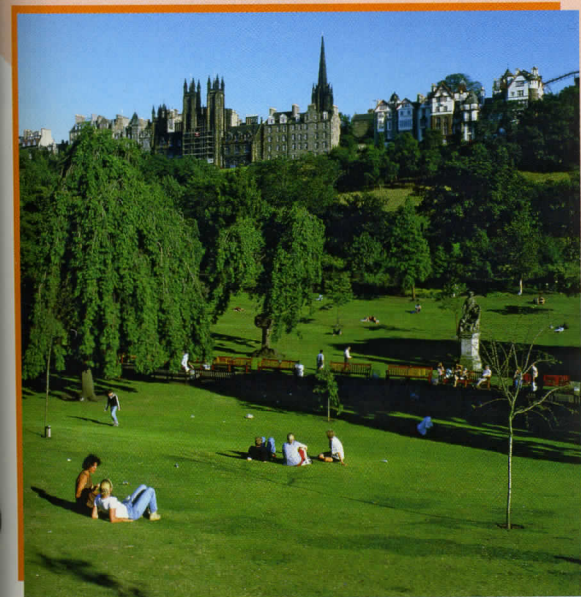
Focus on the United Kingdom

- Great Britain and Ireland are the main islands of the British Isles.
- The country called the United Kingdom consists of Scotland, England, Wales (all on Great Britain), and Northern Ireland.
- The southern part of the island of Ireland is a separate country.



United Kingdom

- ⊗ London National capital
- ★ Belfast Secondary capital



Families and friends relax at a park near the center of Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland.



Political Map Russia and Its Neighbors

Boundary Symbols

- Continental boundary
- International boundary
- Former Soviet Union

City Symbols

- Perm • A city's relative size is shown by the size of its symbol and lettering.
- Vladivostok •
- Verkhoyansk •
- Moscow ⊕ National capital

Scale

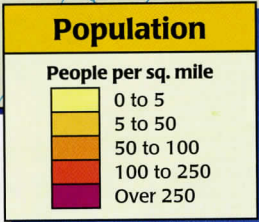
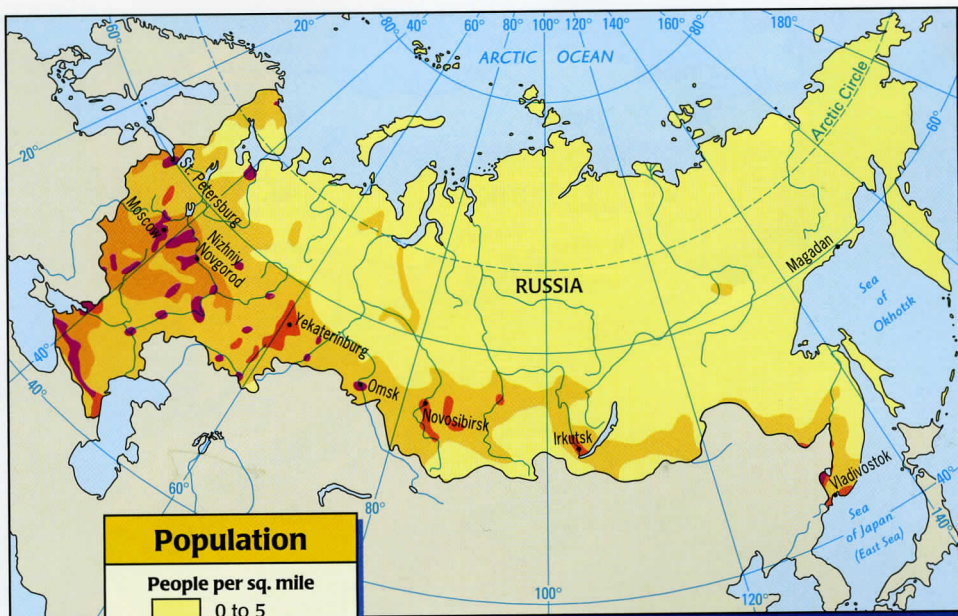
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1 inch stands for 519 miles

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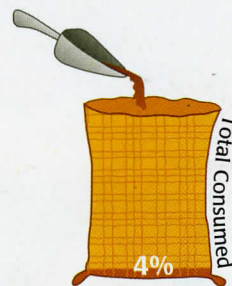


The Russian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Basil is located in the heart of Moscow, Russia's capital.

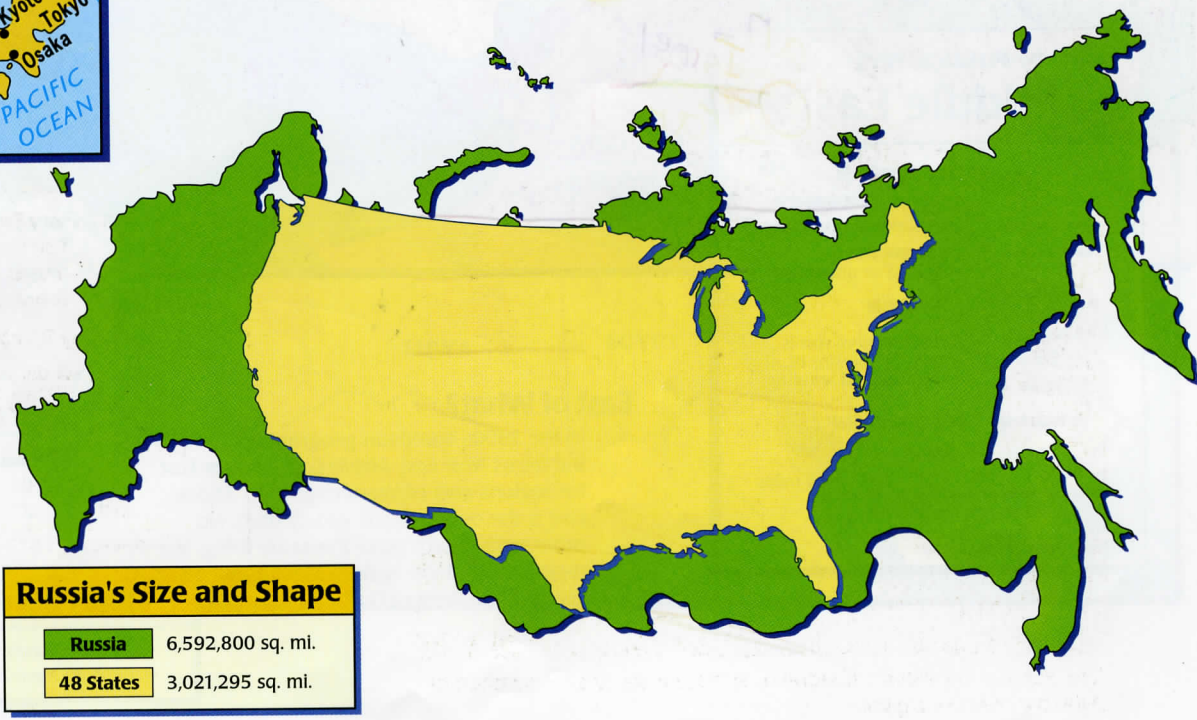


Soviet Union? What's That?

The Soviet Union, outlined to the left, was a superpower until 1991, when it broke up into 15 separate countries. One of them, Russia, is by far the largest country in the world.



Russia's Wheat Imports



Russia's Size and Shape

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