

## Summary: Making Goods

### Using Resources

People use many resources to make goods. Producers who make products such as blue jeans need three kinds of resources: natural resources, human resources, and capital resources.

Soil, sun, and water are natural resources needed for agriculture. West Tennessee farmers grow cotton. It is one of the state's leading crops. Cotton is used to make blue jeans.

Human resources are the skills, knowledge, and hard work that people use on their jobs. Producers need human resources, such as people who drive the cotton-picking machines.

Capital resources are things that people make to help workers make goods. Capital resources, such as machines and tools, help workers make products better and faster.

### From Cotton to Blue Jeans

After workers pick the cotton, they send it to a factory. Factory workers follow steps to make products, such as blue jeans. First, workers use machines to clean the cotton. Then machines spin the cotton into yarn. Next, workers color the yarn with dye. Then they use looms to weave the yarn into cloth.

Producers buy the dyed cloth. They send the cloth to another factory to be made into blue jeans. Machines cut the cloth into pieces.

Workers on an assembly line sew the pieces together. Each worker on an assembly line does one step and then passes the product to the next person. Producers use assembly lines to produce goods quickly and at low cost. Finally, workers pack the jeans and send them to stores around the world.



### Before You Read

Find and underline each vocabulary word.

**agriculture** *noun*, farming

**human resources** *noun*, skills, knowledge, and hard work that people bring to their jobs

**capital resources** *noun*, things made by people to help workers

**assembly line** *noun*, a team of specialized workers



### After You Read

**REVIEW** What three resources are needed to make blue jeans? Circle the three resources.

**REVIEW** Why do some producers use assembly lines to make goods? Highlight the sentence that tells the answer.