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## GEOGRAPHIC ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF REPRODUCTIVE SECTOR IN STEPPE ZONE IN PREHISTORIC EPOCH

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Questions of settling and development of territory of Ukraine during prehistoric time are considered. Specialities of development of agriculture and cattle breeding by different archaeological cultures in the steppe zone depending on paleogeographic stages are covered. Features of the development of agriculture in the steppe zone of Ukraine are determined primarily by physical and geographical factors and, above all, the climate, the nature of the relief, the specifics of vegetation and soil cover. At the same time the Ukrainian steppe of thousand years was arena on which arose, some time existed, and then disappeared, practically leaving nothing after itself ethnic cultures which were engaged mainly in cattle breeding.

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