Low Input – Sustainable Agriculture

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Answer the following

Sustainable agriculture – the aim to produce food and fiber on a sustainable basis and repair the damage caused by destructive practices

1. Explain what is meant by – “these corporate farms are operated by scientific standards that might make your local hospital seem backward.”
2. What examples are provided in the text to support the above quote?
3. List the criteria that differentiate low – input sustainable farming from conventional agriculture.
4. Which style of farming generates the most income? Explain.
5. How is sustainable farming better for the environment?
6. Mary Strange of the Centre of Rural affairs in Nebraska asks, *“Which is better for enrollment in rural schools, the membership of local churches, and the fellowship of rural communities – two farms milking 1 000 cows each or twenty farms milking 100 cows each?”* What does she mean?