Von Thunen Model
Explaining the Distribution of Agriculture around cities
The Model

• Von Thunen observed some patterns in where agriculture is grown and where people live.

• This model explains the development of agricultural towns and cities.
Layer 1
City/Town/Village:

At the heart of the model is the city, where the people live and work.
Layer 2
Horticulture and Dairying:

Dairy farming is done close enough to transport milk to market without spoiling.
Layer 3
Forestry:

Ring of trees to provide building materials and firewood
(Keep in mind model was made in 1826)
Layer 4
Crop Rotation/Pastures:

Large scale farms that allow for Grain production and large herds of animals
Layer 5
Extensive Ranching and Grazing:
Large open areas where animals can freely roam