**LESSON NOTE FOR WEEK THREE**

**SUBJECT :ECONOMICS**

**CLASS :Ss1**

**TOPIC : AGRICURE**

Specific Objective :

By the end of the lesson , students should be able to

1. State the ways of solving agricultural problems
2. State the various agricultural policies in west Africa
3. Discuss the marketing Board and its Role in Nigeria

**Step 1(10 minutes)**

**HOW TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF AGRICULTURE IN WEST AFRICA**

1. Mechanization of agriculture
2. Education
3. Provision of credit facilities to farmers
4. Effective control of pest and diseases
5. Provision of modern storage facilities
6. Amending the land tenure system
7. Discouraging migration
8. Provision of medical facilities
9. Effective control of erosion
10. Effective use of research

**Step 2(10 minutes)**

**AGRICULTURAL POLICIES IN WEST AFRICA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO NIGERIA.**

1. The National Accelerated Food Production Project(NAFPP): NAFPP was established in 1973 aimed at accelerating the production of major staple crops. The programme try to enhance the use of improved farm practices in place of traditional once. It also provide credit facilities, storage facilities, processing facilities, etc to farmers.
2. The River Basin Development Authorities (RBDA) the federal government in the year 1976 established eleven River Basin Development Authorities under Decree number 25 these established bodies were aimed at developing land and water resources for the general development of agriculture in Nigeria.
3. Operation feed the Nation : this was established by the Obasanjo in the year 1976 to mobilise Nigerians to take active part in Growing their foods which will lead to increase in production and self sufficiency in food production.
4. LAND USE DECREE: this was promulgated in 1978 and incorporated into the 1979 constitution . this decree was aimed at reforming the land tenure system which has constituted a bottleneck to large scale farming in Nigeria. This Decree gave a bost to agriculture in making land available to farmers .

**Step 3(10 minutes)**

**THE MARKETING BOARD**

This may be defined as a public corporation charged with the responsibility of assisting the farmers in purchasing, grading and marketing various agricultural products in the country.

**Role of Marking Board in West Africa**

1. Buying of farm products
2. Grading of farm products
3. Fixing of prices
4. Price stabilization
5. Regulation of production
6. Marketing of farm products
7. Development of rural areas
8. Provision of funds for economic development

**Assignment**

Discuss the origin of Marketing Board in Nigeria