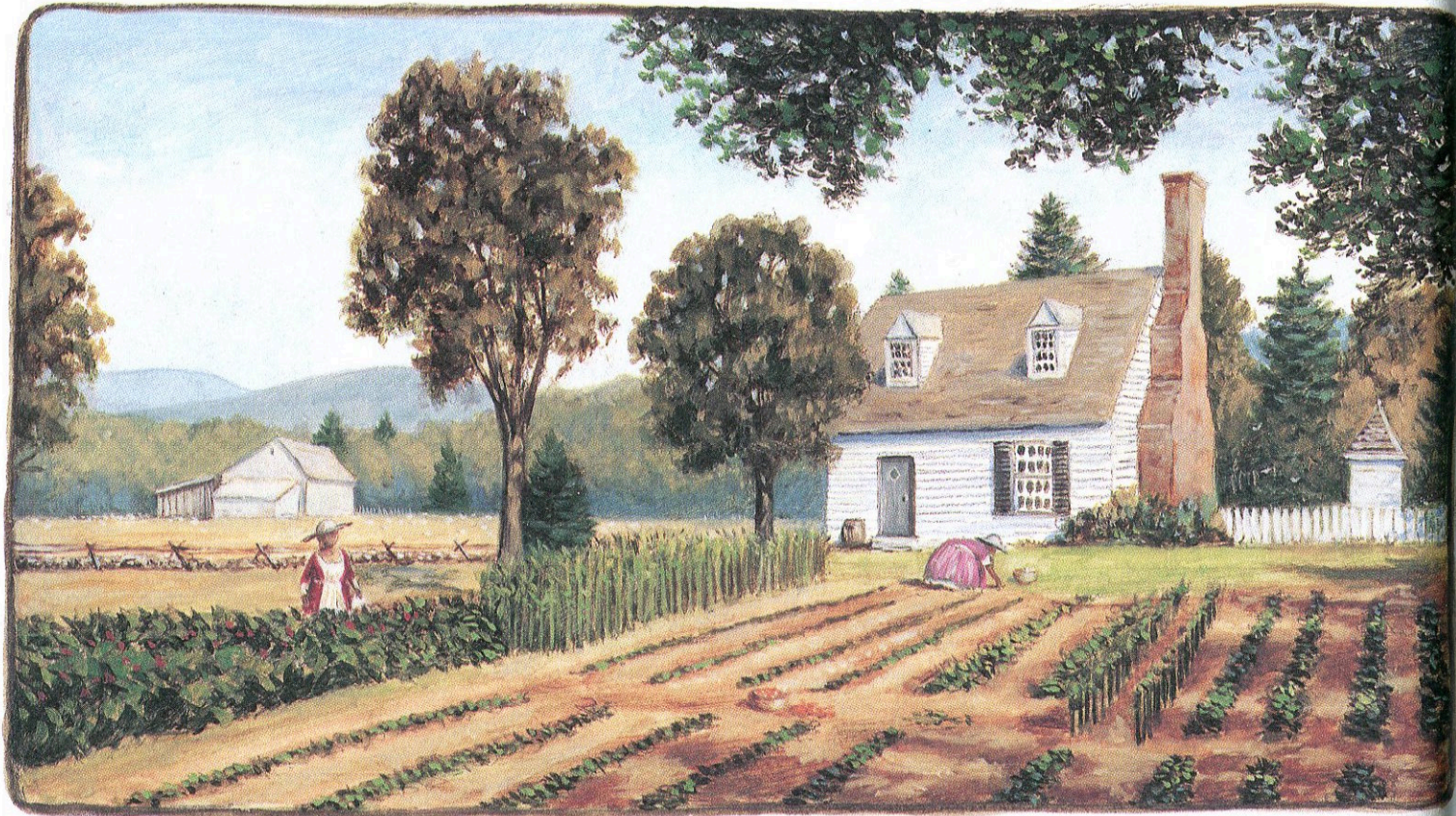


How did people get food and clothes?

You didn't need much money to buy food if you lived in the country. Most homes had a vegetable garden. Also, you could pick wild fruits, berries, and nuts. You could catch fish and hunt for deer and wild turkeys.



Nothing was wasted:

- Animal bones were saved and made into buttons.
- Goose feathers were used to stuff pillows.
- Reeds and twigs were woven into baskets.
- Old pieces of cloth and outgrown clothing were cut into squares and sewn into quilts. During the war years, quilt-makers invented patterns they called “Washington’s Puzzle” or “Washington’s Plumes.”

Patriots who lived in cities often received food, clothing, and other necessities from relatives or friends who lived in the country. You could also trade with Patriot neighbors.

Sometimes you just did without.

