

The Great Biological or "Columbian" Exchange

Animals in Americas not known to Europe

Iguana, Flying Squirrels,
Catfish, Rattlesnakes
bison, cougars, armadillos
opossums, sloths, tapirs
anacondas, electric eels
vampire bats, toucans
Andean condors, hummingbirds
turkeys, guinea pigs
llama, alpacas

Foods in Americas not known in Europe

maize (corn)
potatoes (sweet and white)
many kinds of beans (snap, kidney, lima)
manioc (from which comes tapioca)
peanuts, squash, peppers
tomatoes, pumpkins, pineapples
sassafras, papayas, guavas
avocados, cacao (source of chocolate)
chicle (for chewing gum)
tobacco

Medicine

coca (for cocaine and Novocain)
curare (a muscle relaxant)
cinchona bark (for quinine)
Enema tube

Disease in Americas and not in Europe

Syphilis

Animals brought to Americas by Europeans

horses
cattle
pigs
sheep goats
chickens (?)
Rats

Foods introduced in Americas by Europeans

rice, wheat, barley, oats
wine, grapes, melons
coffee, olives, banana
"Kentucky" bluegrass
daisies, dandelions

European diseases brought to the Americas

Smallpox
Measles
Typhus

*As a result of the "Columbian Exchange," the diets of people living in Europe, Africa, and the Americas were vastly enriched.