

LEVEL3. READING

Complete the text with the words from the boxes.

advised	avoid	declining	definitely	essential
Informed	impact	individual	minimal	rely on

Dates are the most important crop in many countries in the Middle East like Oman and Saudi Arabia. Many people in rural areas 1. \_\_\_\_\_ on this crop for food and to earn income by selling them. A good supply of water is 2. \_\_\_\_\_ for dates like many other crops. In recent years, a insect called palm weevil has caused a lot of damage to the date trees. This insect has made a big 3. \_\_\_\_\_ on the production of dates because the trees affected by it do not produce good quality fruit. The governments have 4. \_\_\_\_\_ farmers not to transport date trees from affected areas to other places. Most young men in the Middle East do not like to become farmers, so the number of farmers is 5. \_\_\_\_\_ in many countries.

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