

A person in ancient Ireland

Neolithic 4000 - 2000 BC

The people were no longer nomadic (Moving from place to place). They settled and began to farm. They sowed seeds from wheat oats and barley and kept cattle, sheep, goats and pigs. They cleared forests for fields. Their tools were polished stone - axes and wooden ploughs.

Clothes were made from animal skin and wool. They started to spin and weave and use dyes for clothes. They ate meat from the animals they kept and also gathered nuts and berries.

Their houses were stronger rectangular and bigger. They used Wattle and daub to build them. This is woven branches which mud put on them. Houses had thatched roof.

These people also built Megaliths which are stone tombs to bury their dead. A Dolmen is one which is a tomb with two uprights and a capstone on top.

Newgrange is a famous example of a passage tomb.

An example of a Neolithic settlement is Lough Gur.