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Tehuacán Valley Cultural Sequence

Ajuereado Phase - 10-7,000 BC

- microbands
- seasonally brief occupations
- no food storage
- food resources
 - plants - maguey, cactus fruits, teosinte, amaranth
 - animals - deer, rabbits, mice
- technology
 - stone - projectile points, knives, scrapers, choppers, gravers

El Riego Phase - 7 - 5,000 BC

- microbands (dry season) and macrobands (wet season)
- seasonally brief occupations
- some food storage facilities
- food resources
 - plants - maguey, cactus fruits, teosinte, amaranth
 - animals - deer, rabbits, mice
- technology
 - stone - projectile points, scrapers, ground stone implements (mortars and pestles)
 - organics - nets, baskets, traps, woven blankets

Coxcatlan Phase - 5 - 3,400 BC

- microbands (dry season) and macrobands (wet season)
- seasonally brief occupations, single small possible permanent settlement
- some food storage facilities
- food resources
 - plants - maguey, cactus fruits, teosinte, amaranth
 - animals - deer, rabbits, mice
- technology
 - stone - ground stone implements (manos and metates)

Abejas Phase - 3,400 - 2,300 BC

- macroband settlements - wet and dry season occupations
- single central camp site -?permanent? with residential structures
- possible year round settlement
- food storage facilities

Puron Phase - 2,300 - 1,500 BC

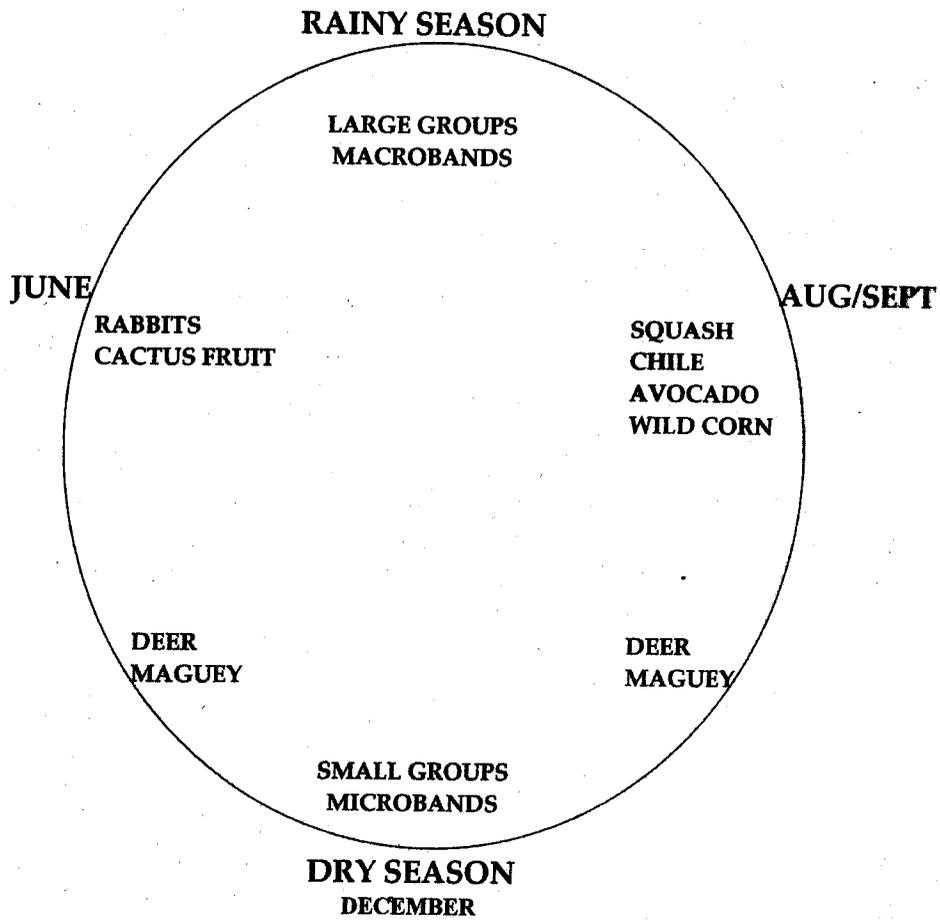
- poorly known
- technology - marked by first appearance of pottery

Ajaltan - 1,500 - 850 BC

- 12 small hamlets/villages with permanent houses
- stream site locations
- public architecture by end of phase
- technology - marked painted pottery and ceramic figures

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TEHUACAN VALLEY (7000 - 3400 BC)



**SEASONAL ROUND
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Fig. 1. An idealized east-west transection of the central part of the Tehuacán Valley, Puebla, Mexico, showing microenvironments and the seasons in which the food resources are exploited.

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