**Middle Colonies**

New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware

The area was good for farming:

* Rich soil left by the glaciers
* Transportation of crops to the market was easy on the rivers
* There was a longer growing season and a good climate

The area was also good for hunting:

* Plenty of woods full of deer and beaver

New York/New Jersey

* Proprietors – James, Duke of York; John Berkeley & George Carteret – New Jersey
* Sell/rent land to colonists for farming
* Allowed colonists to elect representatives

Pennsylvania/Delaware

* Founded by William Penn to give Christians a place to live peacefully
* King Charles II gave him the land to repay a debt
* He was also given land by the Duke of York, which became Delaware
* Colonists could voice opinions freely and elect representatives
* The representatives had power to approve or reject laws
* Native Americans were treated with respect and lived peacefully with colonists in Pennsylvania
* Philadelphia became the 1st and largest city in the colonies with straight and wide roads

Religious tolerance – colonists in the middle colonies were from many cultures and religions.