

FARMING, FISHING, AND MANUFACTURING

The Bahamas has 3 important natural resources in large quantities. Our country has:

- 1) Large, flat islands that can be used for farming.
- 2) Year-round sunshine, which means we can grow tropical fruits and vegetables.
- 3) Large areas of sea that gives us rich fishing grounds.

FARMING

People cannot live without food. All of our food comes from crops and animals raised on farms.

Other materials such as cotton or wool also comes from plants and animals raised on farms.

Livestock farming is the raising of animals for their products or their meat. Poultry are raised for their meat or their eggs. Poultry farms are in New Providence and Grand Bahama. Some poultry we eat also come from America.

FISHING

The major fishing islands are Spanish Wells, Long Island, Andros, and Abaco. Our main fishing industry is to be found on the island of Spanish Wells. The three major fishing grounds are Great Bahama Bank, Little Bahama Bank, and Cay Sal Bank. Closed seasons is a method of protection used to protect our fish.

MANUFACTURING

The Bahamas does not manufacture goods on a large scale, but there are a number of goods produced in The Bahamas. Fruit juices and cement is made on Grand Bahama, Vita Malt and Goombay Punch is made on New Providence, Androsia print fabric is made on Andros, salt is made on Inagua (exported to North America and Canada), and boats are built on Abaco.

1. Name TWO natural resources that our country has that are good for farming.

2. What is livestock farming?

3. On which island can we find the main fishing industry?

4. Explain why we should not take too much fish from the sea.

5. Name one way that is used to protect our marine life.

6. Define the term manufacturing.

7. Name one country and one product where goods are exported.