

Farming

Farming: the practice of cultivating the land or raising stock

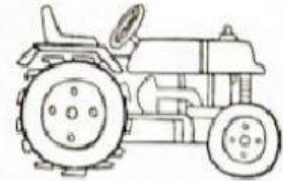
The Bahamas has three important natural resources in large quantities. Natural resources are things of value provided by nature. Our country has:

- large, flat islands that can be used for farming
- year-round sunshine, which means we can grow tropical fruits and vegetables
- 260,000km² of sea, this gives us rich fishing grounds.



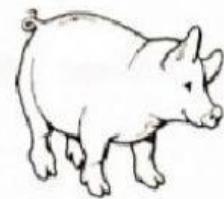
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Farming was once the chief way of life in nearly every country. People cannot live without food, and nearly all their food comes from crops and animals raised on farms. Many other materials such as cotton and wool also come from plants and animals raised on farms. Not many people farm for a living anymore, but farming remains the most important occupation in the world.

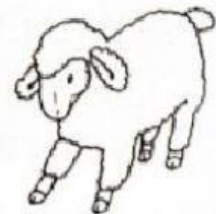


Livestock Farming

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

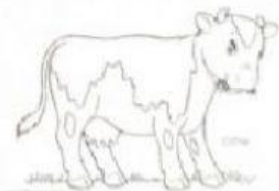


Cattle or beef includes cows, sheep, goats, and pigs. Pigs are raised for their meat. They are raised in New Providence. **Beef cattle** are found in North Andros and New Providence. Beef cattle are raised for their meat. Today, there are fewer dairy cattle, so most all of our milk, butter, cheese, and yogurt are imported from other countries.



Field crops

Field crops include corn, Irish potatoes, cassava, sweet potato, yam, and pigeon peas. Vegetables include cabbage, okra, eggplant, hot peppers, carrots, plantain, and onions. There are also salad vegetables such as cucumber, tomatoes, sweet pepper, and beets. Fruits are sour oranges, oranges, grapefruits, limes, lemons, tangerines, watermelons, and cantaloupes.



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1. According to the passage, what is the most important occupation in the world?

(1)

2. Explain what is livestock farming? (2)

3. On which TWO islands in The Bahamas can you find livestock farming? (2)

4. Name TWO animals raised in livestock farming. (2)

5. Name ONE natural resource that is grown on a farm. [1]

6. Name TWO things our country has that are good for farming. [2]

7. Name TWO products that come from goats or cows' milk. [2]

8. Define the term farming. [1]
