Social Studies
Topic: Farming in The Bahamas

OBJECTIVES

Define farming
List the kinds of farming practice in the Bahamas
Explain what will happen without farmers
Classify filed crops and livestock

Vocabulary
Farming:
Livestock farming
Field crops
Cattle
Beef
Vegetables

FAMING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT OCCUPATION!
Farming is the practice of cultivating the land or raising stock.
The Bahamas has **3 natural resources** in large quantities.
Natural resources are things of value provided by nature.

1. Our country has large, flat islands that can be used for farming
2. Year-round sunshine, which means we can grow tropical fruits and vegetables
3. 260 000km squared of sea, this gives us rich fishing grounds.

Farming was once the chief way of life in nearly every country. People cannot live without food, and nearly all food comes from crops and animals raised on farms.

Livestock farming is the raising of animals for their products or for their meat. **Poultry** are raised, for example, for eggs and chicken meat. **Cattle** are raised for milk or beef. **Pigs, goats and sheep** are raised mainly for their meat and sometimes their hides and wool. Poultry farms can be found in New Providence and North Andros. Today, there are fewer dairy cattle, so most of our milk, butter, cheese and yogurt are imported from other countries

Field Crops
Other products grown in our country include field crops like vegetables and citrus fruits which are fruits not grown on trees but vines.
Example of Field Crops
Irish potatoes, cassava, sweet potatoes, yam pigeon peas.
Vegetables: cabbage, okra, eggplant, hot peppers carrots plantain, and onions
Salad Vegetables: cucumber, tomatoes, sweet pepper (bell peppers), and beets.
Fruits: sour oranges, oranges, grapefruits, limes, lemons, tangerine, watermelons and cantaloupes

Produce farmed in The Bahamas

avocado	banana	beans	cabbage	cantaloupe
carrots	cassava	celery	corn	egg plant
grape fruit	honey dew melon		ice berg lettuce	okra
onion	oranges	papaya	potato	peanuts
peas	pineapple	plantain	pumpkin	squash
romaine lettuce	sweet pepper	tangerines	tomato	watermelon
yams				

CLASS WORK

1. Which animal does cheese, milk yogurt and butter comes from?
a. Cow and goat
b. B sheep
c. Pig

2. The drum is made from the
   a. sheep
   b. cow
   c. goat

3. Name II islands where we can find poultry farm.

   _____ and _____

4. True or False
   Farming is the most important occupation.

5. What type of crop is corn?
   a. Vegetable
   b. Fruit
   c. Field crop

6. If there was no farms what would people do?
   a. Shop at Super Market
   b. Eat candy
   c. Grow their own food
   d. Starve