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Where Are Agricultural Regions in More Developed Countries?

● MIXED CROP AND LIVESTOCK FARMING

1. Where is mixed crop and livestock farming common?
2. Describe the irony between the amount of land devoted to crops vs. animals and the income generated by each in this region.
3. How does this type of agriculture allow farmers to more evenly “distribute their workload”?
4. Define/describe the following as they relate to crop rotation:
 - a. **cereal grains**:

 - b. **fallow**:

 - c. **rest crop**:
5. Where is the US Corn Belt and what crop is making rapid inroads among farms there.
6. In what different ways is the corn used?

● DAIRY FARMING

7. What country is the world’s largest producer of dairy products? (Who follows?)
8. What is a **milkshed**?
9. Why do some regions specialize in “milk products” like cheese and butter rather than fluid milk? Identify some these important regions.
10. What problems do dairy farmers currently face?

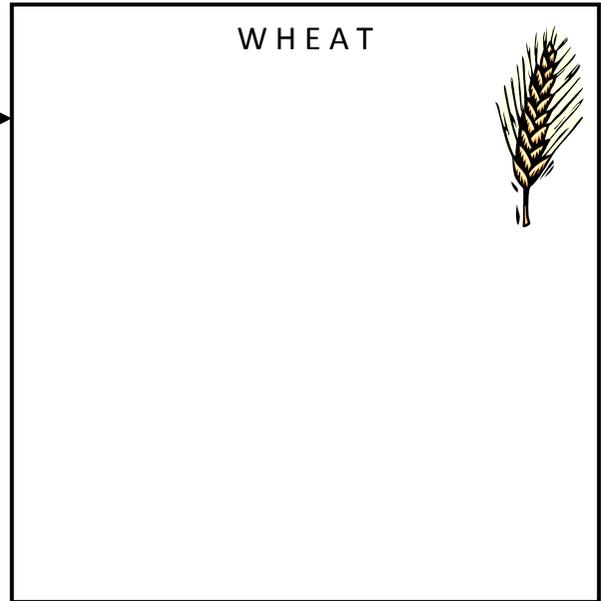
● GRAIN FARMING

11. What is the principal difference between grains grown in “commercial grain farming” regions and grains grown in “mixed crop and livestock” regions?

12. Complete a bullet list which details the importance of wheat as a crop. _____ →

13. Identify the three regions of large-scale grain production in North America.

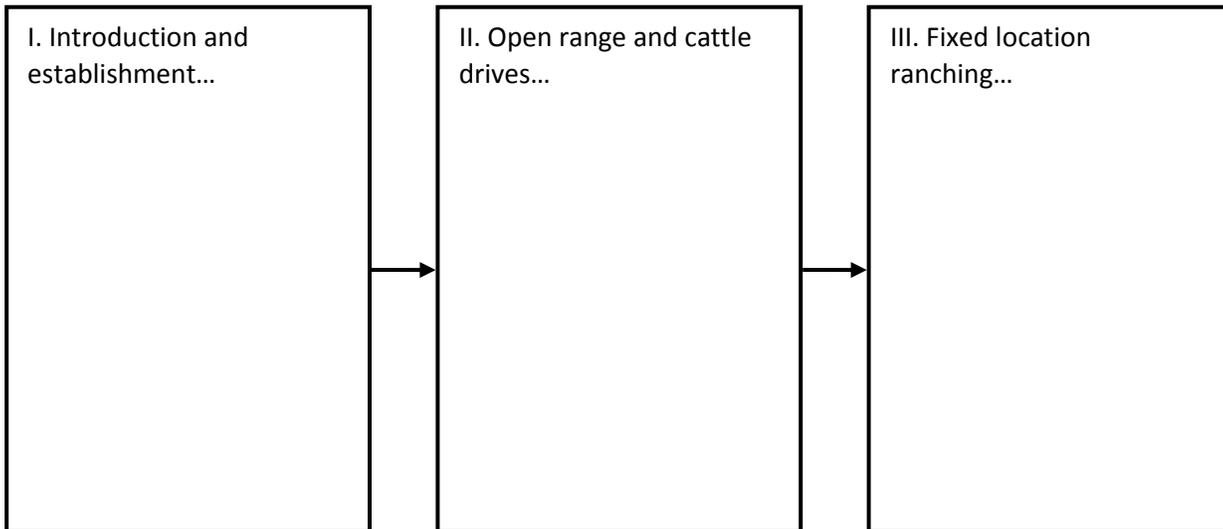
14. How do farmers and combine companies make use of the fact that the wheat matures at different times in the spring and winter wheat belts?



● **LIVESTOCK RANCHING**

15. What type of climate is livestock best adapted to?

16. Describe the “stages” of ranching as it has evolved in the US (and very similarly elsewhere) in the flowchart below.



18. Describe each of the following as they relate to cattle ranching in the US today:

a. **Herefords** (as opposed to Longhorns):

b. **feed lots**:

19. Make brief notes to describe the following:

Ranching in South America	Ranching in Australia

● **MEDITERRANEAN AGRICULTURE**

20. Describe the climatic conditions of Mediterranean climate and agriculture.

21. Most crops in Mediterranean lands are grown for _____ rather than for _____.

22. What is *horticulture*?

23. List the TWO most important cash crops of Mediterranean regions.

24. Describe the role (and changing role) of **California** in Mediterranean agriculture.

● **COMMERCIAL GARDENING AND FRUIT FARMING**

25. What three conditions make the US southeast an ideal location for this type of agriculture?

26. What are the two groups to whom “**truck farmers**” sell their crops?

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27. List the three ways that truck farmers keep labor costs low.

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ii.

iii.

28. What is “**specialty farming**” and where has it spread in the US?