The Livestock Industry

Directions:
Fill in the blanks.

1. The first livestock animals, such as sheep, horses and cattle, were brought over to America in 1493 during Christopher Columbus’s second journey to the New World.

2. The cattle we are familiar with today are ancestors from the Bos taurus and the Bos indicus.

3. Pork and lard were used for export trade in return for other goods.

4. They were the first livestock animal to be tamed by humans because of their timid and defenseless characteristics.

5. If goats were to be wild again they would be able to survive whereas we could not say the same about sheep.

6. Horses are native to North America but they disappeared before the white man came to the New World.

7. In the 1850s, poultry shows began to exhibit and recognize the different breeds.

8. This vertically integrated industry is trying to keep up with the high demand from the consumers.

9. Instead of slaughtering animals on an as needed basis, animals began to be slaughtered in excess during the winter months.

10. The animals being raised in CAFOs get their food brought to them rather than them grazing and roaming to find food.

11. With the animals being managed closely by the operators, the quality of the animals’ health will improve since there is always someone monitoring their activity.

12. Fair and shows began to allow producers to sell and show off their animals.

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13. Breeders take their new animals back to their ranches and use them to increase the number of animals as well as the productivity of that animal.

14. The animals are slaughtered and then evaluated on their yield grade, which is also referred to as cut ability, and quality.

15. The yield grades for lambs are determined by the amount of back fat present on the carcass.

16. The grades for pork carcasses are determined by taking a back fat measurement over the last rib of the pork carcass.

17. Each species receives its own pricing grid, which establishes a set price for each grade of the carcass.

18. Livestock does not only serve the purpose of providing meat to the world. It also provides fiber and skins for the production of clothing.

19. Animal by-products are valuable to society and can also be used to make perfumes, candles and glycerine.

20. For the inedible products, the fat is then dried and ground to create meat and bone meal.

21. Cortisone, which is used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, adrenal insufficiency, some allergies, diseases of the connective tissue and gout, is taken from the adrenal glands of animals.

22. Heparin comes from the lungs of animals and is used to prevent blood clotting during operations and helps prevent heart attacks.

23. Whether you are interested in science or business and have a passion for the livestock industry, there is an opportunity to develop a career and potentially your own business.
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24. The **livestock** industry has come a long way from letting animals **roam** and graze freely to **Concentrated** Animal Feeding Operations.

25. This industry will continue to **grow** and change with the constant advancements in **technology** and new innovations developed daily.