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Farming - Livestock

Scenario: After Day One, most of humanity has been culled. There is little or no human management of livestock so what happens to farm animals and the survivors' diets?

Outcome: Various for livestock. The survivors' diets will be disrupted

Story implications: No steak for dinner and city living just got tougher

Solution: Based on the survivors' choices

*Note: The Sentient do not have to kill or harvest to live

High-density beef and dairy cattle:

- Firstly, there are no or very few farmers left to tend their livestock
- Food supplies for the livestock will run out swiftly with little chance of resupply

- Locals near the farms will begin preying on the stock

High density chicken or pig farms:

As per high-density beef and dairy cattle.

Free Range Dairy or Chicken stock:

Free range animals are less dependent on humans though many are transported to different locations based on the season and spelling of paddocks. Without farmers, winter could be a tipping point for this kind of livestock.

Electric fences no longer work:

Cattle, horses and any livestock held within them eventually realize this and break-out.

Domestic breed to feral:

What happens when livestock breaks-out? It's likely most will perish or be predated on but some may become or return to a feral state of living.

An interesting consideration re turkeys:

Eventually turkeys, (the type we eat) will no longer survive as a breed. The reason? We have bred them to emphasize breast meat but, as I understand it, this largesse prevents mating. Curiously, the opposite applies for humans.