



LEARN HOW

FARMERS

CARE

For their animals



Games and puzzles inside!



Meet some of the





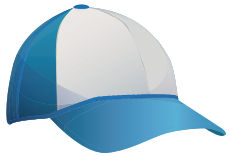
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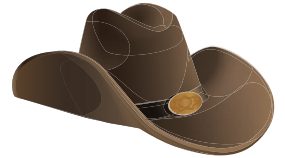


Farmers and Animals: They Need Each Other!

Farm animals depend on humans to care for them - in fact, most couldn't survive without farmers! Just as you would care for your pet, farm families provide food, water, shelter, veterinary care, and a safe and comfortable environment for their animals!



Time to put on your farmer's hat!



On the next page, we have our **FIVE FREEDOMS GAME**. Can you make sure the animals on the page have access to all of the 5 freedoms?

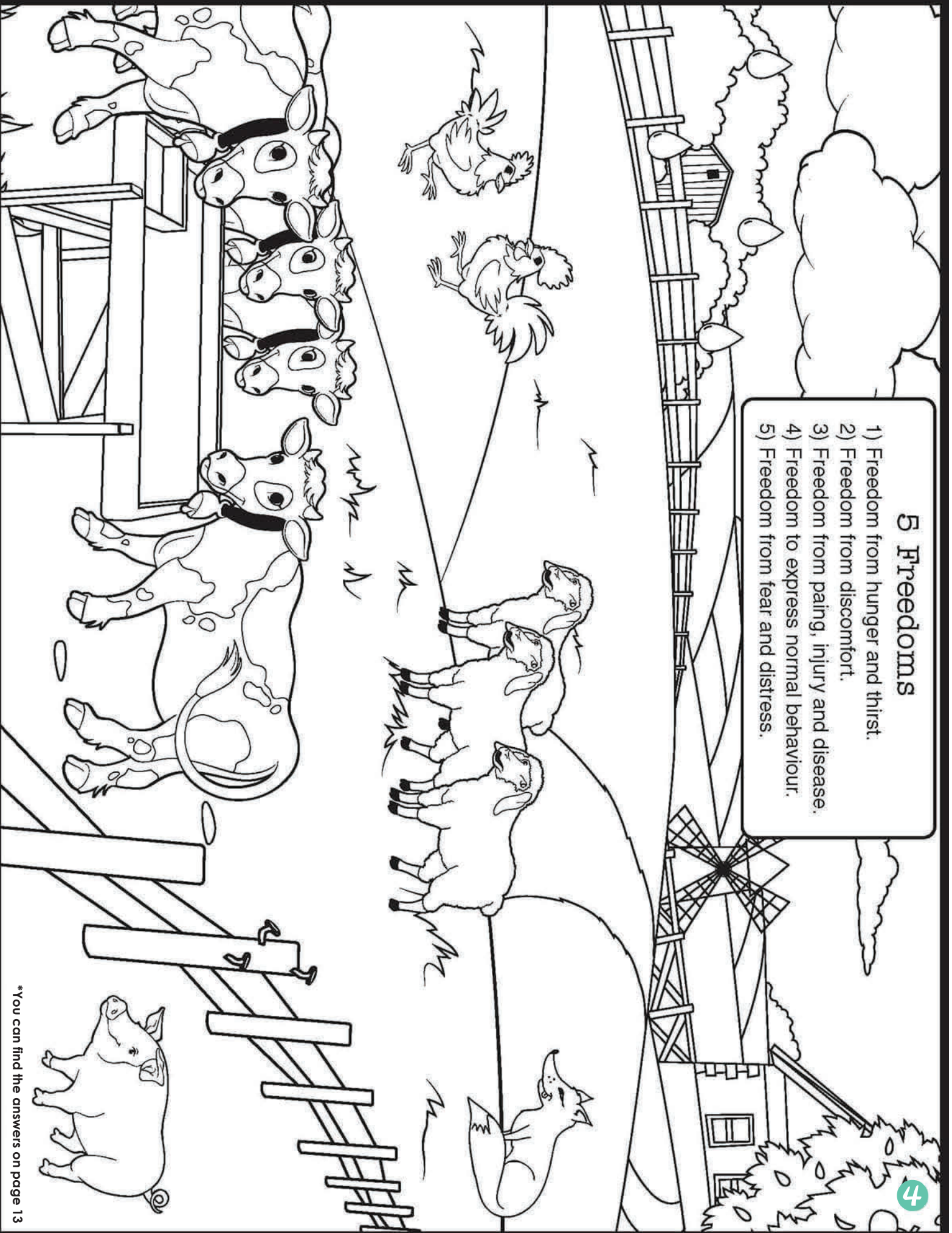
What are the Five Freedoms?

All animals have basic needs, like food and water, health, and quality of life. The building blocks of good animal care provided by farmers are what we call the Five Freedoms!

1. **Freedom from hunger and thirst** - Do you see any animals on here that look hungry or thirsty? Draw what you would give them!
2. **Freedom from discomfort** - Farmers have to make sure their animals aren't too hot or too cold. How would you protect these animals from the weather around them?
3. **Freedom from pain injury, and disease** - Are there any animals on here that look like they might get hurt from something on the farm? (Hint - those nails look pretty sharp!)
4. **Freedom to express normal behaviour** - Some animals like being with their friends! Draw in a friend for one animal that looks like he/she could use one!
5. **Freedom from fear and distress** - Farmers want to make sure their animals feel safe and secure on the farm. Is there an animal that looks like they might be scared of something? How would you protect it??



5 Freedoms








- 1) Freedom from hunger and thirst.
- 2) Freedom from discomfort.
- 3) Freedom from pain, injury and disease.
- 4) Freedom to express normal behaviour.
- 5) Freedom from fear and distress.



Alberta Farm Animal Care



was founded in 1993 by the livestock industry  the livestock industry so that it could  the collective voice of livestock welfare!

We are a multi-species organization so that means that we work with all types of farm animals. Some examples include: , ,  and even ! Did you know that  also gets to work with farmers to make sure that they have access to workshops or  that they might need to take good care of their ?

Do you have any , ,  at your house? Do you always make sure that they have food and ? Do you also make sure that they have shelter if it is  or cold or even too ? Farmers do too!!

It's hard work being a farmer, especially when you  your animals and care for them **365** days a year



Did you know?!

Animals provide humans with many different products. Along with food, farm animals provide things like fertilizer, leather, heart valves, cosmetics, insulin, skin protection for burns, and much more!

Match the animal to the item it produces!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sheep | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chickens | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pigs | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ducks | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Paintbrush | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ice cream | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pillows | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tennis balls | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vaccines | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Animals play follow the leader! Animals that move together in large groups like to follow their own leaders and move at their own pace. Farmers spot leaders early and learn to work with their animals' natural instincts. This reduces animal and people stress!



Animals can be bullies at the feeding trough!

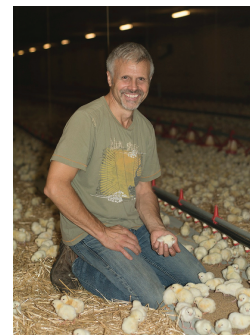
They will naturally compete to get to the feed trough. Farmers watch closely to make sure there is lots of feed and water for every animal and that smaller animals aren't being pushed away by the bigger ones. That's why animals are often kept with pen mates that are similar in size.



Meet a real Alberta poultry farmer!

*"Well, I would say our animals come first. We've heavily invested in technology in order to constantly monitor their welfare. I can do this from anywhere in the world. But most importantly, **nothing replaces a human touch.** We spend time with them several times a day ensuring that they are healthy, content and comfortable."*

- Dennis Steinwand





It's a pig-search!

N I H F E I Q O Z P R H F B M
 T W W N X C F R D P E L F D F
 Z N I B A R N S I A K E E V R
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BARN
 BOAR
 HEATLAMPS
 HOG
 PIGLETS
 PORK
 SNOUT
 SOW
 SWEAT
 SWINE



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Meet a real Alberta pig farmer!

*"You can have a great career working with pigs. It's not a job, it's a way of life. **The reality is we all work with animals and we love it."***

-Martin Bowman



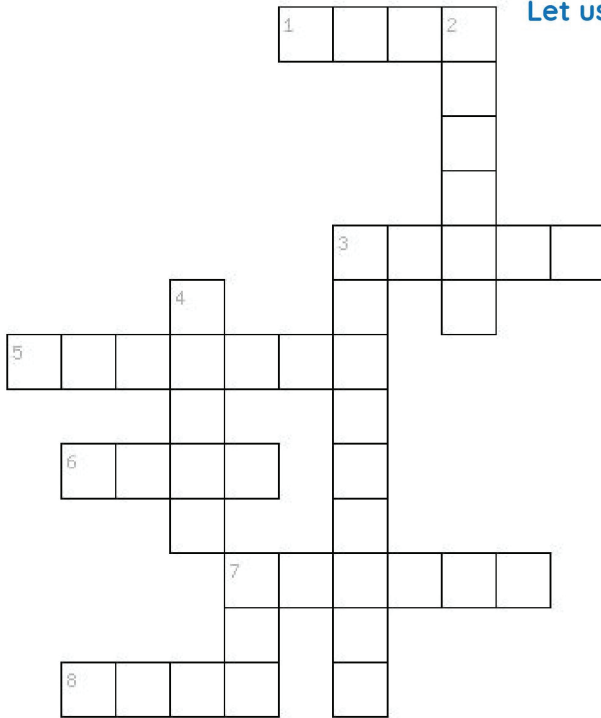
- Pigs are housed in temperature controlled barns
- **Heat lamps** are often used to keep **piglets** (baby pigs) warm
- Sometimes even the floors in pig **barns** are heated to keep piglets warm
- Farmers protect newborn piglets while they nurse by putting protective bars around the **sow** (mother pig) to keep her from rolling on the tiny piglets. Once the piglets are older and larger they are able to move out of the way.
- Raising pigs indoors keeps them safe from disease, predators, and extreme temperatures
- Pigs don't have **sweat** glands, so they can overheat if they're left out in the hot summer sun. Sometimes farmers have sprinklers in their barns to cool down the pigs.





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Down

2. What is another term for "horse"?
3. Horses are plant eaters. What is another term for plant eater?
4. What is a baby girl horse called?
7. One type of food that a farmer feeds their horses...

Across

1. What is an adult female horse called?
3. Horses are measured in what unit of measurement?
5. Horses are transported in a...
6. What is a baby boy horse called?
7. Humans clip their nails, farmers clip their horses...
8. What is the term for a small horse?

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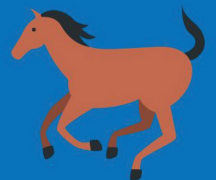
Equine Fun Fact



Horses can sleep both standing up and lying down.

Do you know the signs?

Circle all that apply to each condition.



A healthy horse displays...

- a) High energy
- b) Dull eyes
- c) Shiny coat
- d) Temperature 37 - 38.5 degrees Celsius
- e) An appetite

An unhealthy horse displays...

- a) Running nose
- b) Temperature of 39 - 41 degrees Celsius
- c) Cough
- d) Shiny coat
- e) An appetite



Did you know?!

Animals have good sight, smell & hearing.

Farmers keep noises to a minimum as animals have *sensitive* hearing-no shouting or slamming gates!

This is because farm animals are generally prey animals and must keep on alert for any predators

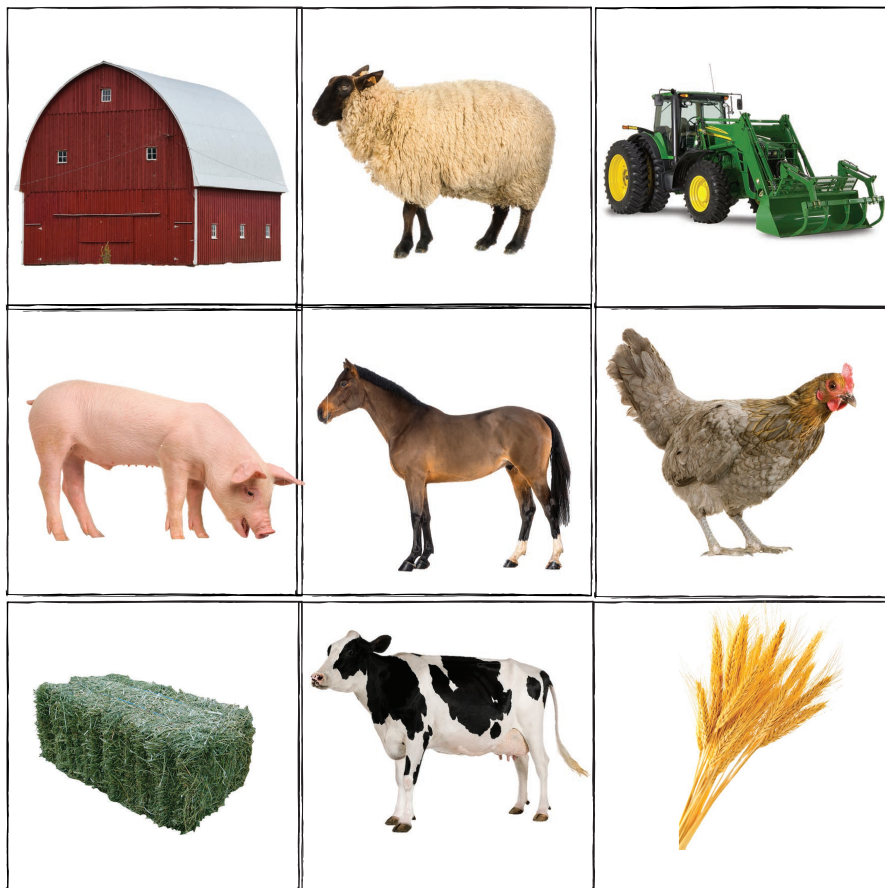
Meet a real Alberta goat farmer!

"I got my first goat baby yesterday. The feet have to be straight when they're delivered and they weren't, they were tucked. I had no idea what was going on, but I delivered it by hand. **He's just this perfect little goat!"**

-Jesse Bosch



FARM BINGO



Take this game to-go!

See if you spot any of the items in the game of farm bingo while you are on a road trip or long car ride?

Make sure to cross out the ones that you have seen!



"I don't believe in having the animals afraid of me. A lot of people use fear to move their animals, we don't. Absolutely not."

- Herman Bulten

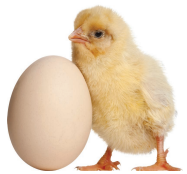


What does the word **poultry** mean?

Poultry are domesticated birds raised for the eggs they lay, their meat and/or their feathers!

Most chickens and turkeys are raised in special, climate controlled barns that protect the birds from harsh weather, disease and predators. Farmers make sure their birds are fed and watered and have fresh, dry bedding!

Eggs from turkeys and chickens **hatch** in climate controlled hatcheries. The chicks and poults (baby turkeys) are then sent, as a flock, to a warm, clean barn where they are given food and fresh water.



Chickens raised for meat are called **broilers**. Broilers roam free in barns on floors that are covered with a soft bed of straw or wood chips.

Laying hens are raised to produce eggs. They're usually kept in cages with mesh floors that allow manure (poop) to fall through. This means clean birds, clean eggs, and a cleaner barn. A **pullet** is a young laying hen that has not started laying eggs yet.

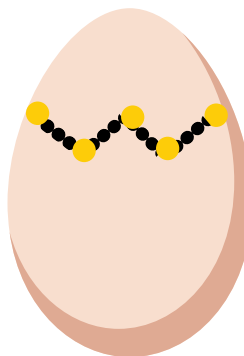


Turkeys are very similar to broiler chickens in the way that they are raised for meat. They can be male or female and they roam free in a barn.

Have you ever played the game "Hangman" before? Try this game of "Hatch Chick" and see if you can guess the word before the chick hatches!

Grab a friend to play with you - pick a word from this booklet - try and get them to guess the word letter by letter. For every wrong guess they have, connect the orange dots by following the dotted black line. Good luck!

Use the space on the right of the egg to spell out your word.





Beef Cattle

Beef cattle are cattle that are raised primarily for meat.



Beef cattle in Alberta are raised outside on grass and pasture land known as forage for most of their lives. Many will then move to a feedlot where they will also get grain like wheat, barley or corn added to their diets.

Match up the type of cattle to the definition!

Cow

Male cattle that can reproduce

Steer

Baby cattle

Bull

Female cattle that have had calves

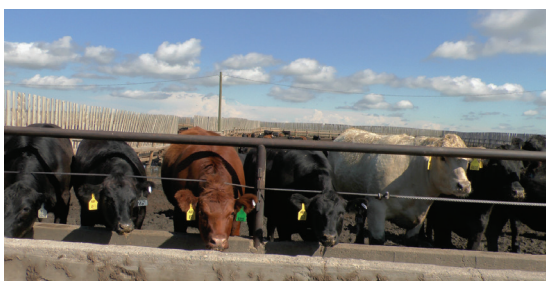
Heifer

Male cattle that are raised for meat

Calf

Female cattle that have not had calves

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Meet a real Alberta cattle farmer!

**"The passion that's
there just stems
inside of me. It's
something to do**

*with working with the animal itself. It's
something that's in you that you can go
out and you can work with the animals
and you actually end up being more
calm working with animals than being
around people."*

-James Jenkins

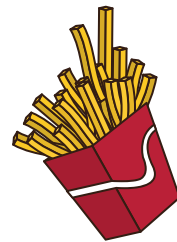




What are dairy cows?

Dairy cattle are cows that are used for milk production!

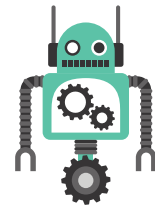
Can you circle all of the products that come from dairy cows?



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Robotic Milkers

DID YOU KNOW? Some dairy barns have robotic milkers to milk their dairy cows? The cows walk up to get fed, a scanner reads the tags in their ear, and a robot automatically milks them!



Do you like getting your back scratched? So do cows! Some farmers have back scratchers in their barns so their cows can get scratched anytime they want



Meet a real Alberta dairy farmer!



"And here we are 38 years later, surrounded by beautiful girls every morning! **What a way to wake up every morning to work with these beautiful animals.**

-Heini Hehli



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We work to ensure farm animals in Alberta are respected, well-cared for and experience a high state of welfare through collaboration with and support of our members and partners.

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