# MINI 4-H FARM ANIMALS



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#### Mini 4-H'ers Page

Welcome to Mini 4-H! You are now a member of the 4-H family. You are a special person. Mini 4-H'ers have a lot of fun! There are many activities for you to explore and new things to try. You can share it with your family and friends. Mom, Dad, another adult and your 4-H club can help you with your project. When it is finished, bring your project to the 4-H fair to display it so others can see what you have done. You will also get a ribbon made just for Mini 4-H'ers. Most of all, have fun!

#### Here are some things to know about 4-H:

The 4-H symbol: The symbol is a four-leaf clover with a "H" in each leaf.

Clover is a plant which grows in fields, yards and along roadsides. Most clovers only have 3 leaves. If you look closely when you are outside, you may get lucky and find a clover with four leaves. A four-leaf clover is used as the symbol for 4-H to let everyone know 4-H is a special kind of group.

The 4-H Colors: The 4-H colors are green and white. The four-leaf clover is green and the "H" in the leaf is white

<u>The 4-H Motto:</u> "TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER." When something is better than all of the others, it is the best. 4-H encourages you to always try to do better, even if you are doing the best, you have ever done.

<u>The 4-H Mission:</u> The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to "provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who positively impact their community and the world".

<u>The 4-H Vision:</u> Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

The 4-H Pledge: A pledge is a promise you make to yourself and to the people around you.

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking,
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service,
And my HEALTH to better living,
For my club, my community,
My country and my world.

#### Mini 4-H Helper's Page

Welcome to the Mini 4-H program! Mini 4-H is designed for youth to explore a variety of project activity areas and to interact with caring adults and other children.

Children receive project manuals for their chosen project(s) after enrolling in Mini 4-H. These manuals provide information to learn about the chosen project along with learning activities to provide fun and interaction throughout the year in Mini 4-H. The manuals also provide ideas for a project to bring to the fair.

As a Mini 4-H helper, your job will be to guide and encourage the Mini 4-H'er through doing the activities in the manual. A wide range of activities are provided to allow you to choose the ones most appropriate for the child you are working with. It is suggested that you DO NOT complete the activities for them, but instead, help them, guide them and work with them, letting the child do as much as they possibly can themselves. 4-H believes in allowing children to "learn by doing". The Mini 4-H project activities are hands-on learning opportunities designed to provide a meaningful educational experience for youth.

Additionally, the Mini 4-H program is set up to allow children to display a project activity based upon information learned from this manual. Some children choose to exhibit their project at the Decatur County 4-H Agricultural Fair. Fair week is an exciting week for 4-H members, Mini 4-H'ers and their families. It is a week that allows the community youth to showcase their enthusiasm for learning.

Mini 4-H is fun! Children will certainly enjoy it. As an adult helper, you can have fun too, by guiding and helping as children participate in the program. Encourage and praise the child(ren) as they have fun learning while doing the activities, and sharing what they are learning with you.

If you have questions regarding Mini 4-H or the 4-H program and projects, please feel free to call the Decatur County Extension Office at 812-663-8388.

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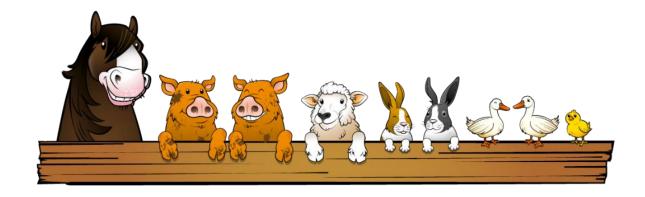
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#### Mini 4-H Program Rules

The Mini 4-H program is designed to supplement and introduce students in kindergarten through second grade to the Decatur County 4-H program.

#### Rules:

- 1. Mini 4-H is open to any boy or girl who is currently enrolled in kindergarten, first or second grade on January  $1^{st}$  of the current 4-H year.
- 2. Mini 4-H participants will enroll in a 4-H club where they may get help with their project from older 4-H'ers and their club leader. They can also do their project at home with help from their parents.
- 3. Mini 4-H'ers in Decatur County may enroll in any of the following projects: Arts and Crafts, Bicycle (grade 2 only), Bugs, More Bugs (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Collections, Dinosaurs, Farm Animals, Foods, Foods 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Forestry, Garden, Genealogy, Models, My Pets & Me, Plants & Flowers, Sewing, Space, Whales & Dolphins, Wildlife, and Woodworking.
- 4. Animal projects now have manuals. The child will participate in the Mini 4-H Livestock show during the fair for the species they have signed up to show. They will use an animal provided by an older sibling, relative, friend, or other 4-H'er that is already being shown at the fair. Older 4-H'ers and adults will help them so they will learn the proper way to show the animal. Animal projects include: Dairy, Rabbits, Goats, Sheep, Horses, Swine, Beef, Puppies/Dog, and Poultry. Animal manuals are good for all three years of Mini 4-H (Cloverbuds).
- 5. Mini 4-H'ers will complete activities in their project manuals. Any poster exhibits must follow the following specifications:
  - $\succ$  The poster must be a stiff cardboard or foam core board so it can stand by itself if needed. Poster board size is to be 22" high  $\times$  28" wide. Posters are to be covered with plastic to protect them.
  - > The Decatur County Extension office sells foam core board and plastic sleeves to cover them as a set a minimal price.
  - Posters must be positioned horizontally.



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## FARM ANIMALS



There are many different kinds of farm animals. Farm animals are called **LIVESTOCK**. People have livestock on the farm to raise and sell for food and other products. We also have pets on farms such as dogs and cats, as well as other animals.

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Do you have any pets?	•	<del></del>
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Here are some farm animals tha	t live on farms and that we show	for 4-H projects:
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Dairy Cattle	Sheep	Chickens
Pigs .	Horses	

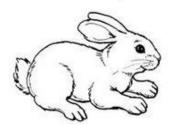
## NAME THE FARM ANIMAL

You will need: Pencil, crayons/markers/colored pencils, the animal pictures on the next 3 pages.

What to do: Look at the pictures of the farm animals on the next three pages. Look at the names of the farm animals on the top section of this page. Write the name of the farm animal next to the picture of the animal. Color the pictures.

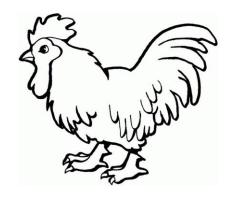
You can submit this activity in the fair by making a farm animal notebook or poster using the pictures of the farm animals that you colored.

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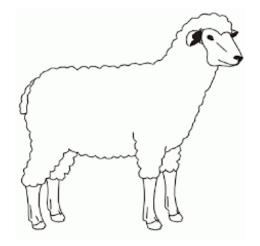


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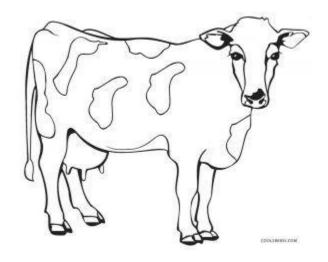
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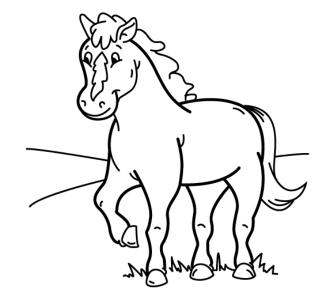


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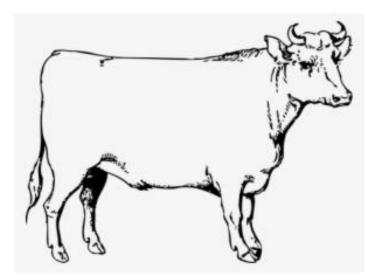


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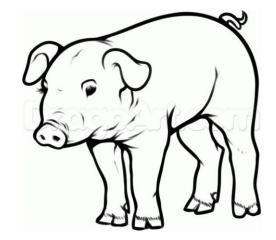
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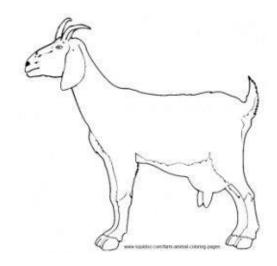


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#### **ACTIVITY 1 - QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Could you name all of the farm animals?
- 2. What farm animals do you have at home?
- 3. What kind of farm animals do you think it might be fun to have?



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### DOWN ON THE FARM

Farms are very important. Farmers grow crops like corn, soybeans and wheat. The farmers sell these crops and they are used to make food that we eat (cereal, bread, soy candles) and other products that we use in our daily lives. Farmers raise farm animals like cows, pigs, and chickens. These animals are sold to produce meat, eggs, milk and many other products. Selling the grain and animals is how the farmer earns income from the farm.

Farms come in many sizes. Some are very small and are called hobby farms. Hobby farms usually do not have a large number of animals or large fields of crops. They often raise a small number of animals and gardens for their own produce. People who own hobby farms usually also work somewhere else.

Other farms are quite large and are considered a business for the farmer. They can raise a large number of animals to sell, and have large fields of grain that are harvested to sell. Many farmers do not work elsewhere, although a few will work at outside jobs. Many farmers have spouses who work at off-farm jobs.

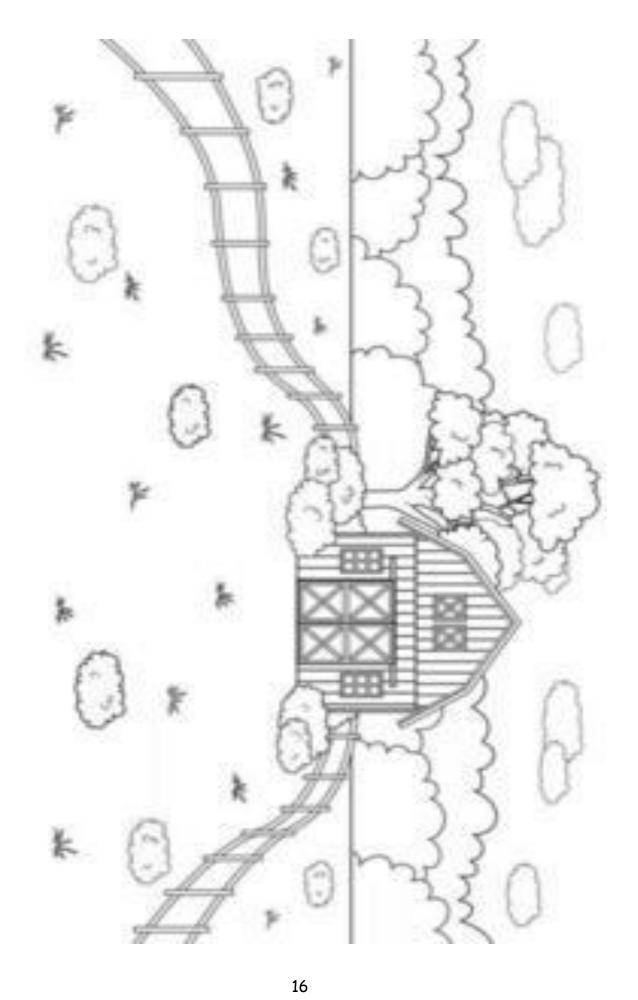
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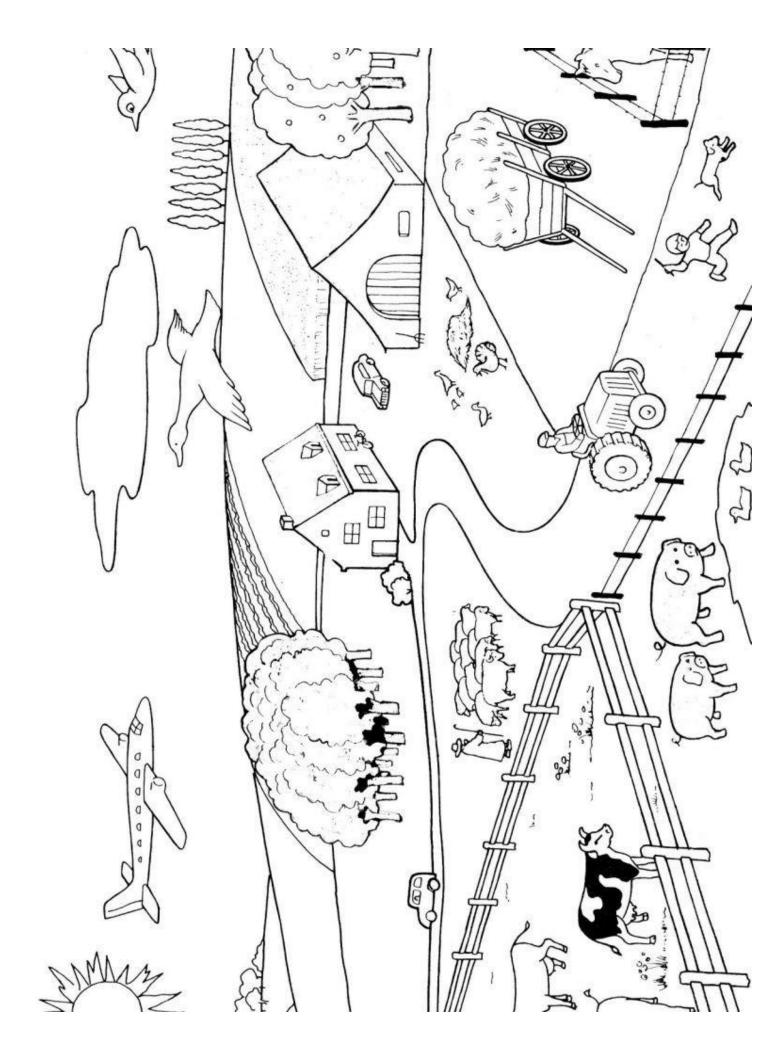
You will need: Pencil, crayons/markers/or colored pencils, the farm picture(s) on the following pages (or you can make your own farm picture).

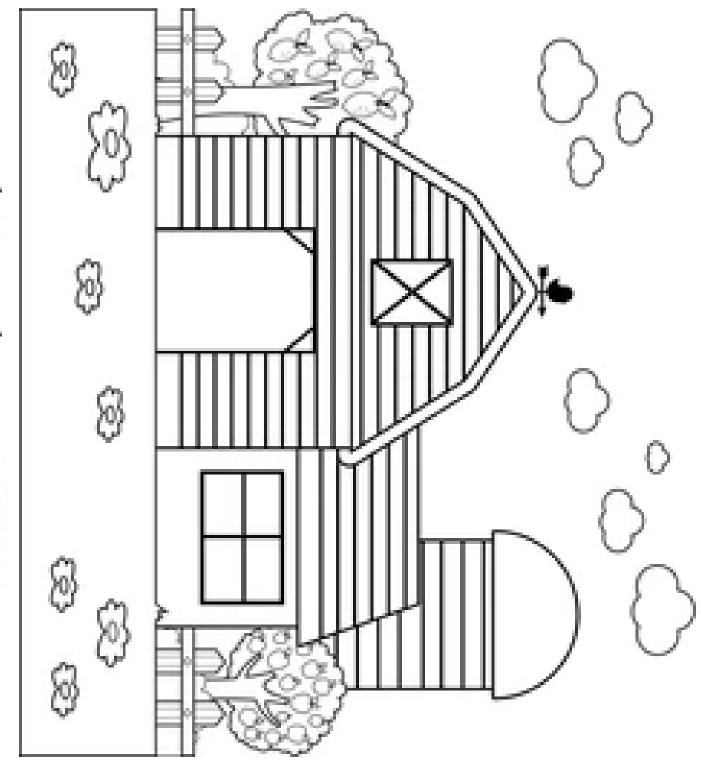
What to do: Think about how your farm will look. What kind of animals will you raise? Look at the animals you named in Activity 1.

Draw your animals on one of the farms on the following pages, or create your own picture on a blank piece of paper. Where would your animals like to spend the day at on the farm?

Add more things to your farm like grass, trees, tractors or other equipment, buildings or people. This is YOUR farm - have fun! Create it as you want it to look. You can exhibit your farm at the fair by gluing the paper to a piece of foam core poster board, or you can draw and create an even larger farm right on the poster board.







## BIG & small

Farm animals come in all sizes. Rabbits are small and cows are very large. Each kind of animal also comes in different sizes and colors. A grown cow is bigger than a calf, which is a baby cow. Just like you, farm animals get bigger as they grow up.

We call grown up people adults. A very small, new person is a baby. You are called a child, which is older and bigger than a baby. Teenagers are even older and bigger than you are. There are also boys and girls.

Farm animals also have different names for the sizes of animals, depending whether they are baby animals or young animals. Adult male and female animals are also called by different names. Here is a chart to help you know what the proper name is to call them.

ANIMAL	Adult Male	Adult Female	Young Animal
Beef & Dairy Cattle	Bull or Steer	Cow or heifer	Calf
Chickens	Rooster	Hen	Chick
Rabbit	Buck	Doe	Kit
Goat	Ram or Wether	Doe	Kid
Sheep	Ram or Wether	Ewe	Lamb
Swine (pigs)	Boar or Barrow	Gilt or Sow	Piglet
Horses	Stallion or Gelding	Mare	Foal – Female Colt – Male



### Match the BIG to the small

You will need: Pencil, crayons, markers or colored pencils

What to do: Look at the farm animals on the next page.

Draw a line to match the adult animal to the baby animal

Color the pictures

Answer the questions below

#### Questions:

1. Did you know that there were so many different names for the same animals?

2. Which farm animal do you think changes the most as it grows into an adult?

3. What do some baby farm animals eat that grown animals do not eat?

## Farm Animal Jokes

What is the easiest way to count a herd of cattle? With a COWculator!

Where do cows go on a date? **To the MOOOOvies!** 

What do you call a horse who lives next door? A NEIGH-bor!

What do you get when a chicken lays an egg on the roof? **An egg roll!** 

## Match the BIG to the small Animal



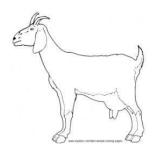


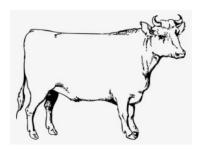


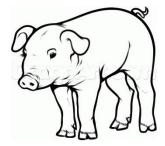


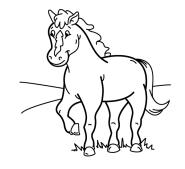












### Food from the Farm

When you are hungry, you go to the kitchen to get something to eat from the groceries your family has purchased from the store. Animals also look for food when they are hungry. Some animals get their food from the ground if they live outside, such as grass in the pasture. The farmer also feeds the animals in the barn by giving them grain, oats, wheat, hay, or other items that they eat.

Farm animals eat a lot of food. Chicken, pigs and cows like corn. Cows also eat hay. Horses eat oats and hay. Most of the feed is grown by the farmer on the farm where the animals live. Some people must buy their animal feed at the local feed and grain stores if they do not raise their own feed. Grain is a type of feed. Corn, oats, and wheat are all grains. Animals also get thirsty, just like you do. They need plenty of fresh water to drink every day to keep them healthy.

### Let's Eat!

You will need: Pencil
What to do: Unscramble the words on the next page.

Answer the questions below:

What are your favorite foods?
Do you eat some of the same things that animals eat?

Name one thing that all plants, animals and people need to stay healthy?

### Farm Animals Word Scramble

Look at each farm animal picture and unscramble the letters and write the name of the farm animal on the line.

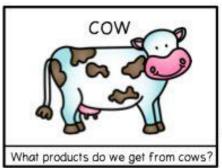
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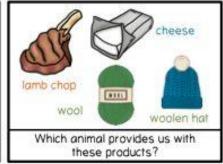
Farm animals are very important to us. Not only do they help feed us, but they also give us other products that we use in our everyday lives. Do you wear a belt? Sometimes belts are made of leather. Leather comes from cows or pigs. Do you have a warm sweater? Some sweaters are made from wool, which comes from sheep, goats or llamas. Do you like to eat cereal? Cereals are made from grains such as corn, wheat or oats. Many of the food products that we like to eat come from grains. Meat comes from the cows, pigs, sheep, chicken and other farm animals that the farmers raise and sell. Do you like to drink milk? Milk comes from dairy cows and goats. Milk is also used to make ice cream. Goat's milk is used to make products such as soaps and lotions.

# Farm animal cards and the products they give us.

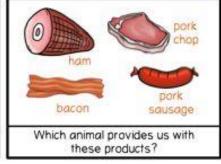




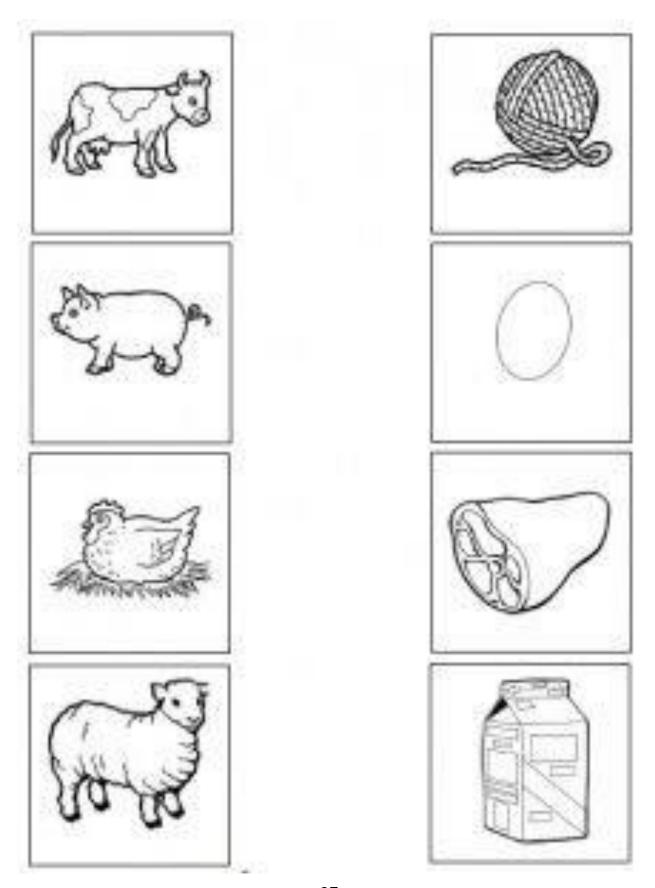








### Draw a line to match the animal to the product.



### Farm Animal Puzzles



### Crossword Puzzle

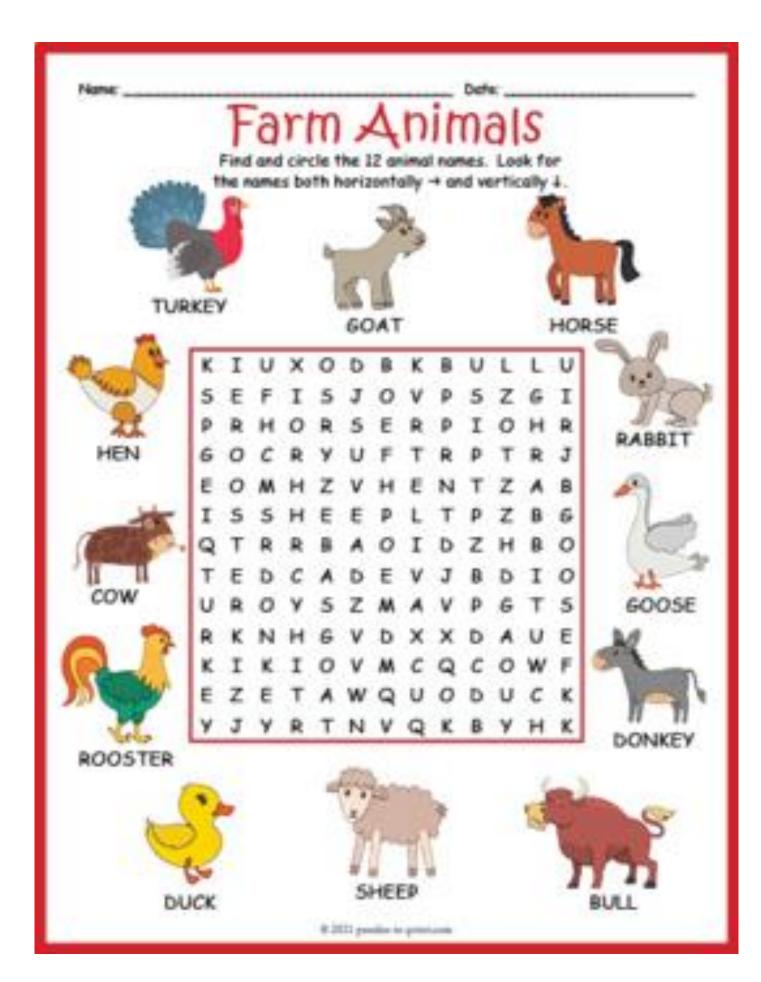
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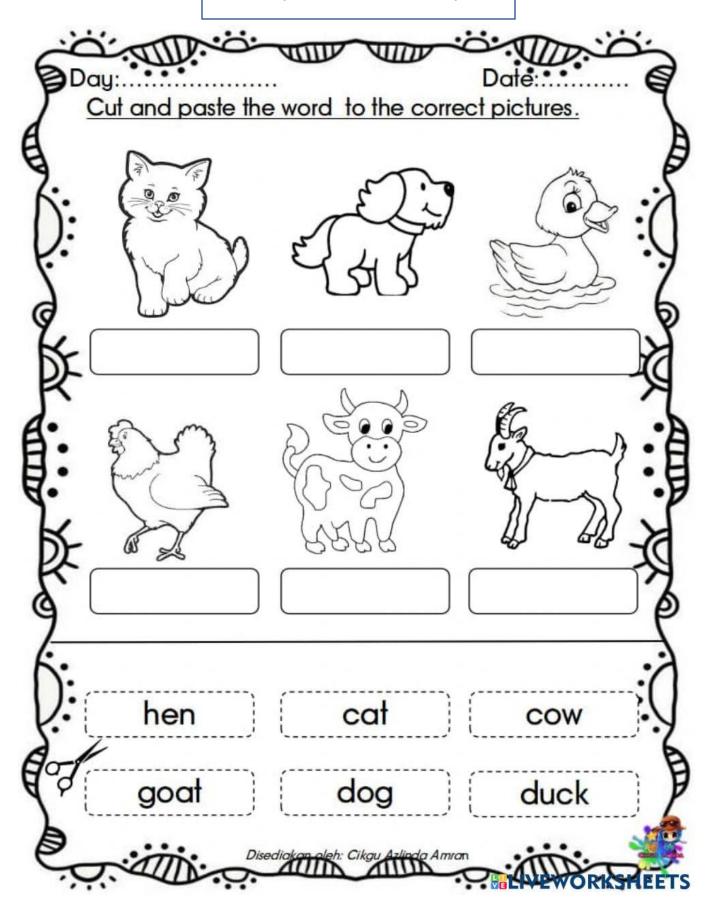
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### Animal Word Search





### Name the Animal







### Exhibit Name Tags

Below are nametags for you to cut out and attach to your project that you will exhibit at the fair. Attach the tag to the bottom right-hand corner of your poster or project. If you have another type project like a model farm, attach the tape to the back with the tag hanging down where it can be seen at the bottom right of the project.

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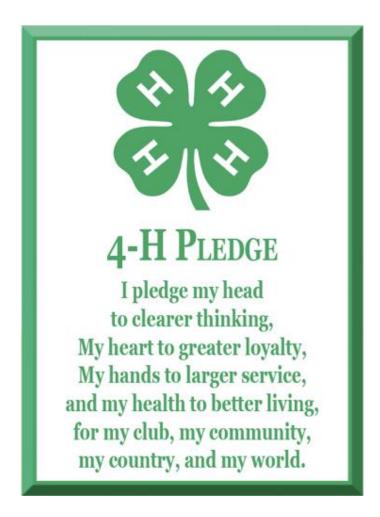
### PROJECT IDEAS

- 1. On page 15, follow the instructions and color/draw a picture of what you would want your own farm to look like. There are several farm scene pictures on pages 16, 17, 18, that you can color and add to with your own drawings. Turn the page that you create in as your Cloverbud project.
- 2. Create your own small farm scene on a board with animals, tractors, fields, barn, etc.
- 3. Make a poster (22"  $\times$  28") with pictures of you helping with chores on the farm with your parents. Under the picture, tell about what you are helping with.
- 4. Create a barn with items you have, such as popsicle sticks or another building-type material to turn in for your project.

Use the name tags on page 32 on your project that you turn in for judging. Cut one out and attach it to the bottom, right side of your project.

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