

Farm Animals

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Where do pigs live?

Pigs like to live in fenced in pens with a little **barn** or hut.



What do pigs eat?

Pigs eat just about anything. They like grain, vegetables, grass, and sometimes meat.



Mammals

Pigs are **mammals**, which means that they give birth to live young and have fur or hair on their bodies. Pigs give birth to **litters** of piglets. Litters are groups of pigs.



Different Breeds

There are different **breeds** of pigs. Breeds is another word for types of animals within the same species. Pigs can be different colors or look a little different but they are still pigs.



How do you take care of pigs?

Pigs need food, water, and **shelter**, or a place to live in order to survive. In the hot summer weather they need water to sit in to keep them cool. Pigs often rest in a mud hole to keep them cool during the summer months.



Cattle

What are cattle?

Cattle are similar animals within a group.

Where do cattle live?

Cattle like to live in large fields where they can eat grass. They also like to have barns to keep them out of cold weather.



What do cattle eat?

Cattle need food and water to survive. They eat grass, grain, and vegetables. Cattle need grass to help coat their stomachs before they eat grain. They also use the grass when they chew their **cud**. Cud is food that returns to the mouth from the stomach for more chewing.



Types of Cattle

Cow: A cow is a female cow.

Bull: A bull is a male cow.

Heifer: A heifer is a young female cow.



How to take care of cattle?

Cattle need food, water, and shelter just like any other animal. In the summer time they also need a cool shaded area so they do not get overheated.

Cattle also like having trees or posts in their pen so they can use them to scratch their backs.



Glossary

Barn: A large farm building used to store grain or hay; also can be used as a house for animals.

Ex: The pigs went to sleep in the barn to stay warm.

Mammal: Warm-blooded animals that give birth to live young.

Ex: Pigs and cattle are both mammals.

Litter: The group of young animals that are born to an animal at one time.

Ex: There were seven piglets in the pigs litter.

Breeds: Animals in a species that have similar qualities to that animal, but may look a little different in appearance.

Ex: There are many different breeds of pigs, however a lot of them look similar.

Shelter: A place that protects from bad weather or danger.

Ex: When the snow started to fall the shelter kept the cow warm and dry.

Cud: Food that returns from the stomach to the mouth for more chewing.

Ex: The cow had to chew her cud after she ate.

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