

## Farm Animal Match

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Livestock are an important part of American agriculture and the daily lives of humans. Livestock animals such as cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, turkeys, and chickens provide food, fiber, and other products that we use every day.

Farm animals have specific names according to their gender and age. For example, an adult female horse is called a mare and an adult male horse is called a stallion. Foal is a general term for baby horse.

Farm animals and humans have similar needs to live and grow. Humans and animals both require food, water, and shelter.

### Materials

- [Animal Pictures](#)
- [Farm Animal Names Quizlet](#)
- [Animal Product Pictures](#)
- [Animal Product Answer Key](#)
- [Human or Farm Animal?](#) Slideshow

### Vocabulary

**livestock:** farm animals raised with a purpose, usually for meat, milk, wool, or eggs

### Activity

1. Cut out the [Animal Pictures](#) and match the male and female adult animals with the baby animal.
2. Which clues did you use to match each baby to the parents? Make a list of similarities that can be seen among the parents and their offspring, then make a list of differences. Baby animals are similar to their parents, but they are not exactly identical.
3. Practice the specific names of male, female, and baby farm animals using the [Farm Animal Names Quizlet](#).
4. Choose one picture for each livestock species except for the horse. Cut out the [Animal Product Pictures](#) and match each product with the animal that produces it. Use the [Animal Product Answer Key](#) to check your matches.
5. What do animals need to live, grow, and stay healthy? *Just like humans, animals need food, water, air, and shelter. Animals and humans have the same needs, but these needs are sometimes met in different ways.*

6. Use the [Human or Farm Animal?](#) Slideshow to determine if each need is being provided for a human or a farm animal.