Vocabulary

Farm animals are collectively called livestock (cows, horses, pigs, etc.).

Poultry is the collective term for birds raised on a farm for meat and eggs (chicken, ducks, turkey, etc.).

Farm animals have been domesticated. They are animals that have been tamed and trained for work (or to live with humans). The opposite of tamed and domesticated animals is wild animals (or animals that live in the wild).

**Cattle** (commonly known as ‘cows’)

- a male is a bull
- a male that has had its sex organs removed and is used mainly for meat is a steer
- a female is a cow
- a baby is a calf
- a group of cattle is a herd, (a herd of cattle, a herd of cows)
- meat from cattle is called beef, meat from calves is called veal
- the sound a cow makes is moo* (noun)

NOTES:

*Moo is an example of onomatopoeia, a word created to imitate a sound (in this case, a sound that an animal makes); in English there is often a verb to describe the way an animal makes a sound, and a noun to represent the sound

**Chickens**

- a male chicken is a rooster
- a female chicken is a hen
- a baby is a chick
- a hen lays eggs; when the chicks hatch (come out of the eggs), the hen has a brood of chicks
- a group of chickens is a flock, (a flock of chickens)
- a chicken clucks (verb) to make a sound, and the sound it makes is cluck (noun)
- meat from a chicken is ... chicken
### Horses
- a male horse is a **stallion**; if the horse is used to breed (to produce more horses), it is called a **stud**
- a female horse is a **mare**
- a baby horse is a **foal** (male – colt, female – filly)
- the sound horse makes is **neigh**; a horse also whinnies (makes a high sound)

### Pigs
- a male pig is a **boar**
- a female pig is a **sow** (ˈsaʊ)
- a baby pig is a **piglet**; a female pig gives birth to a **litter of piglets**
- the sound a pig makes is **oink**
- pig meat is called **pork**

### Sheep
*The singular & plural forms of sheep are the same: 1 sheep, 2 sheep, 3 sheep etc.*
- a male sheep is a **buck** or **ram**
- a female sheep is a **ewe**
- a baby sheep is a **lamb**
- a group of sheep is a **flock** (a flock of sheep)
- when a sheep **bleats** (verb), the sound it makes is **baa**
- the meat from an adult sheep is called **mutton**; the meat from a lamb is ... lamb

### Livestock Terminology Chart

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