



CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbud Connection: April

Hi Cloverbud!

This month, we'll learn about farm animals.

Just like people, livestock animals have special names for mothers, fathers, and babies. In this lesson, we will explore the special names of animals.

Don't forget to share a picture of your work with your County Extension Office by the end of the month to win a cool 4-H prize! We can't wait to see what you create!

Sara, Donna, Karrie, & Beth



Winner of the February Drawing is Emma Rank from Washburn County!

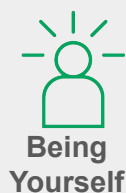
Don't forget to email us what you're working on by the end of each month! We would love to see you in the picture too!

This Month:

- Discovering New Skills
- Animals of All Ages

Reminders:

- Share a picture of your work
- Save your work in your green folder
- Keep projects (poster or mobile) safe and clean if you want to enter it into the County Fair
- Have Fun!



Being Yourself



Belonging Together



Building Connections



Discovering Skills



Exploring New Opportunities



Giving Back to Your Community



Cloverbud Connection - April 2025

Dear Family

The April Cloverbud Connection Newsletter and Activity Guide is here! Every month, Cloverbuds (kids in kindergarten to second grade) in Barron, Burnett, Rusk, Sawyer, and Washburn Counties can join 4-H projects at home and connect with others. Families can choose how much they want to participate. Throughout the year, there will be opportunities to have a PenPal, connect online as some Cloverbuds did on March 27th!, and attend a Cloverbud Day-Camp in August (information coming soon).

This month: Cloverbuds will learn about Discovering Skills and learn more about animals. Just like people, livestock animals have special names for mothers, fathers, and babies. In this lesson, your Cloverbud will explore the special names of various farm animals.

Cloverbud Record Books

Remember to save your great work in your green folder, let your educator know if you need one. Cloverbud record books vary by county. Please check your county's guidelines for record book completion. Ask your club leader or county educator for more information.

Share photos and feedback, get prizes!

We love to see your work and your smiling face working on your activities. Please share photos with your local educator for a chance to win a 4-H prize!

In Wisconsin 4-H we value:



Being Yourself: Find and share your authentic sparks and interests.



Belonging Together: Recognize, understand, respect, and appreciate each other.



Building Connection: Grow positive relationships with peers and adults.



Discovering Skills: Develop skills through hands-on learning to help you succeed and thrive.



Exploring New Opportunities: Open the door to new experiences, projects, and places.



Giving Back to Your Community: Make meaningful contributions through community service and leadership.

APRIL: Animals of All Ages Featuring the 4-H Value of Discovering Skills

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Farm animals are sometimes called “livestock” and are usually raised for two main reasons. One is to give us products such as meat, milk, eggs and fibers (such as wool or leather) that help us in our day-to-day lives. The other reason is to breed more young animals. To make more animals, we need a male and a female animal. We are going to learn more about special names for males, females, and babies of five farm animals.

Activity #1: Animal Riddles

Match the riddles to the animals. Then, check your answers on the next page and share with friends!

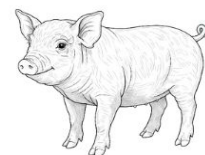
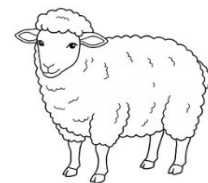
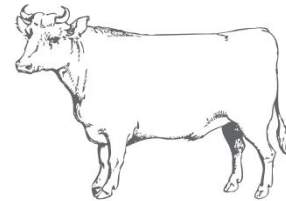
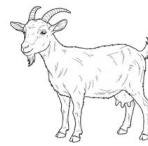
1) I cluck and I peck, and I lay eggs,
I scratch in the dirt, with my two little legs.
My father's a rooster, my mother's a hen,
And a tiny chick is where I begin!

2) I oink and I play, in mud all day.
My dad's a boar, my mom's a sow.
A little piglet, look at me now!

3) I'm fluffy and white, wool keeps me warm.
My father's a ram, my mother's a ewe.
A lamb I am, with a "Baa!" for you.

4) I like to climb, and play all day.
My dad's a buck, my mom's a doe.
A kid I am, with horns, hooray!

5) I say "Moo!" and give you milk.
My dad's a bull, my mom's a cow.
A calf I am, in a pasture now.



4-H

Connection:

4-H has fun animal projects! One of the most popular project areas, for members in 3rd grade or higher, is Agriculture & Animal Science. Projects include farm animals featured in the newsletter, pets, veterinary science.



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Activity #2: Animal Cards

- ❑ Cut along the lines of the animal picture cards.
- ❑ Sort the animal picture cards by type of animal to make a family with a male, a female, and a baby.
- ❑ Cut along the lines of the animal fact cards.
- ❑ Turn to page 7 then read the directions and complete the chart.
- ❑ Select one animal family and follow directions for one of the two options in Activity #3.

Activity #3: Sharing Out: Animal Poster or Mobile

Select an animal family and choose one way (poster or 3D mobile) to teach someone about the names of the father, mother, and baby of this animal family. The poster or 3D mobile may be entered in the County Fair.

Make a Poster:

Materials needed:

- Check you county fair book for specific size your poster can be
- Picture and facts cards included in this lesson
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils
- Optional: access to computer/printer to make typed labels for poster
- Scissors to cut out animal pictures and facts (if you didn't do it already)
- Tape or glue
- Optional: photos or pictures of animals from the animal family

Directions:

1. **Make a poster label:** Write or type a label for your poster "Animals of All Ages."
2. **Pick an animal family:** Write the animal family name on the poster under the title. Then write on the poster the names for the male, female, and baby of the animals.



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3. **Add pictures:** Draw your own, find pictures, or use the pictures provided to give examples of what the father, mother, and baby looks like for the animal family.
4. Find and write 1-3 facts about the animal (what do they eat, where do they live (barn, field, sty, coop), how to show them (with a halter, cane, hands, etc.). Either copy the facts from the cards provided or do your own research.

Make a Mobile of Three Animal Families:

Materials needed:

- Coat hanger or stick
- String or fishing line to hang facts and pictures
- Picture and facts cards for three animal families (included in this lesson)
- Construction paper or cardstock (any colors you want!)
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils
- Optional: access to computer/printer to make typed labels for mobile
- Scissors
- Tape or glue

Directions:

1. **Pick 3 animal families:** Pick 3 animal families to add to your mobile.
2. **Cut Out Your Pictures and Paper:** Cut out the animal pictures and the facts. Now, cut out 18 squares of construction paper or cardstock. You can use any color you like! Each square needs to be the same size. If you have a ruler, each side of the square should be 4 inches long. If you do not have a ruler, a grown up can help you measure and cut the squares slightly bigger than the animal pictures and facts.
3. **Mount the Pictures and Facts:** Glue or tape the animal pictures and words onto the squares. Try to put them in the middle of each square.
4. **Match Pictures to Facts:** Sort the animal facts to match the picture of the correct animal mother, father, or baby. Make three lines, one for each animal family. Put the father first, mother second, and baby third.



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5. **Stringing on Pictures and Facts:**
 - a. Cut 1 piece of string 18-24 inches long.
 - b. Flip the first animal family's father picture so it is face down. Lay the string down in the center of the cardstock so the string is shorter on top of the father picture and longer on the bottom. Place the matching animal fact paper directly on top of the string and the picture, so the string is sandwiched between the two.
 - c. Glue or tape the edges of the picture and fact paper together. Make sure the string gets some glue or tape to keep the picture in place on the string.
 - d. Repeat steps B and C above for the mother and baby moving down the string so they are evenly spaced.
6. **Repeat Step #5** for the other two animal families.
7. **Decorate the Top of Your Mobile:** Decorate stick or coat hanger using markers, crayons, or paint. Write or type a label for your mobile "Animals of All Ages."
8. **Add Each Animal Family to One String:** Tie one end of each string to your stick or hanger. Space the mother, father, and baby picture/fact of each family evenly along the string.
9. **Add More Animal Families:** Depending on the size of your stick or hanger, you can choose to add some or all of the animal families (one per string). It looks best to space them out along the stick or hanger so they don't bump into each other too much when they hang and spin.
10. **Hang Your Mobile:** Find a good place to hang your mobile so it can move around gently with the air currents.

Activity Extensions: (Optional)

- Put all 15 animal picture cards into a bag or bowl and draw one card at a time and sort the animals by type (all males, all females, all babies OR all Chickens, Cattle, etc.)
- Expand beyond the animals listed on the chart. Do elephants give birth to calves or foals?
- Play a game of memory by placing the pictures of the baby and the mother of each species randomly face-side down. Each player takes a turn trying to reunite mother and baby of each species.



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Directions: Fill in this chart as you sort through the cards provided on the next few pages. For the last row: You choose an animal to find the names of each type of animal by looking up information online or by asking someone you trust.

	Male	Female	Baby / Offspring
Human	Father	Mother	Baby
Cattle			
Sheep			
Goat			
Chicken			
Swine / Pig			

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Reflection: Do | Apply | Reflect

What was your favorite animal family and why?

Who can you share your knowledge of animal names with?
How will you share with them?

Draw a picture or write about one of the activities you did to learn about Animals of All Ages.

Animal Name Cards



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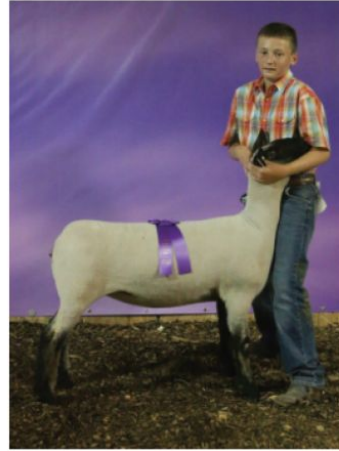


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BULL

Male (father) cattle are called bulls. Bulls eat grass, hay, and grain.

RAM

A male (father) sheep is called a Ram. Rams eat grass, hay, and grain.

ROOSTER

Male (father) chickens are called roosters. Roosters eat a combination of corn, soybean meal, and vitamins and minerals.

BUCK

A male (father) goat is called a buck. Bucks eat grass, hay, and a grain mixture. Bucks produce a scent that identifies them differently than other farm animal males.

BOAR

A male (father) pig is called a boar. Boars eat a combination of corn and ground-up soybeans.

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COW

Female (mother) cattle are called cows. A cow is pregnant for about 263 days before she gives birth to a calf.

EWE

A female (mother) sheep is called a ewe. A ewe is pregnant for about 145 days before she gives birth to one or more lambs. A ewe can produce wool, meat, and depending on the breed, milk for cheese and other products.

HEN

Female (mother) chickens are called hens. A hen lays eggs that can be used for food or incubated to hatch chicks.

DOE

A female (mother) goat is called a doe. Does give birth to one or more goats after 114 days of being pregnant.

SOW

A female (mother) pig is called a sow. A sow is pregnant for about 114 days before giving birth to many piglets (8-13 piglets) at a time.

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CALF

A baby in the cattle world is called a calf. A calf drinks milk from the cow until they can eat grain and grass.

LAMB

A baby sheep is called a lamb. A lamb drinks milk from the ewe until they can eat grain and grass.

CHICK

Baby chickens are called chicks. They can eat and drink on their own, but need to be kept warm.

KID

A baby goat is called a kid. Kids drink milk from the doe until they can eat grain and grass on their own.

PIGLET

A baby pig is called a piglet. Piglets drink milk from the sow until they can eat grain on their own.

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Farm Animal Finger Puppets

