

Farm Animals



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Enviro-Stories Education Program

Enviro-Stories is a competition based education program for primary schools that was developed by PeeKdesigns.



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This program provides an education and learning experience for kids through their active engagement with natural resource and catchment management issues. The final product is a published story written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids and future generations.

In 2012, the “Our Farmers, Our Future” Enviro-Stories Education Program provided local kids with the opportunity to write and illustrate stories about life on the farm. This program was sponsored by the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC, Australian Government’s Caring for our Country, Central West and Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authorities and Cotton Australia.

Cotton Catchment Communities CRC

The Cotton Catchment Communities CRC is an industry partnership leading research, education and commercialisation in the Australian cotton industry.

www.cottoncrc.org.au

Australian Government’s Caring for our Country

Caring for our Country is one way the Australian Government funds environmental management of our natural resources by supporting communities, farmers and other land managers to protect Australia’s natural environment and sustainability.

www.nrm.gov.au

Central West CMA

The Central West CMA is committed to work with the community to conserve, improve and manage natural and cultural resources. The catchment is located in central western New South Wales.

www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au

Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA

The Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA strives for balanced production and conservation within resilient landscapes. The catchment is located in northern New South Wales, just west of the Great Diving Range.

www.brg.cma.nsw.gov.au

Cotton Australia

Cotton Australia is the peak body for Australia’s cotton growing industry, supporting over 1500 cotton farming families in New South Wales and Queensland.

www.cottonaustralia.com.au

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The “Our Farmers, Our Future” Enviro-Stories Education Program consists of the following books:

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- Fluffy’s Getting Shorn
- A Great Turnaround
- The New Farm
- The Farmer Changes His Ways
- I Own it All
- Drought and Flooding Rains

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- My Life on a Sheep Farm
- A Weekend on our Farm
- Farm Animals
- Life on the Farm

Sponsored by both the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC and the Central West CMA

- Euchareena School Gardening

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- Hoot the Owl Saves the Day
- Our Farms are Our Future
- Life as a Sheep
- What we have on Farms

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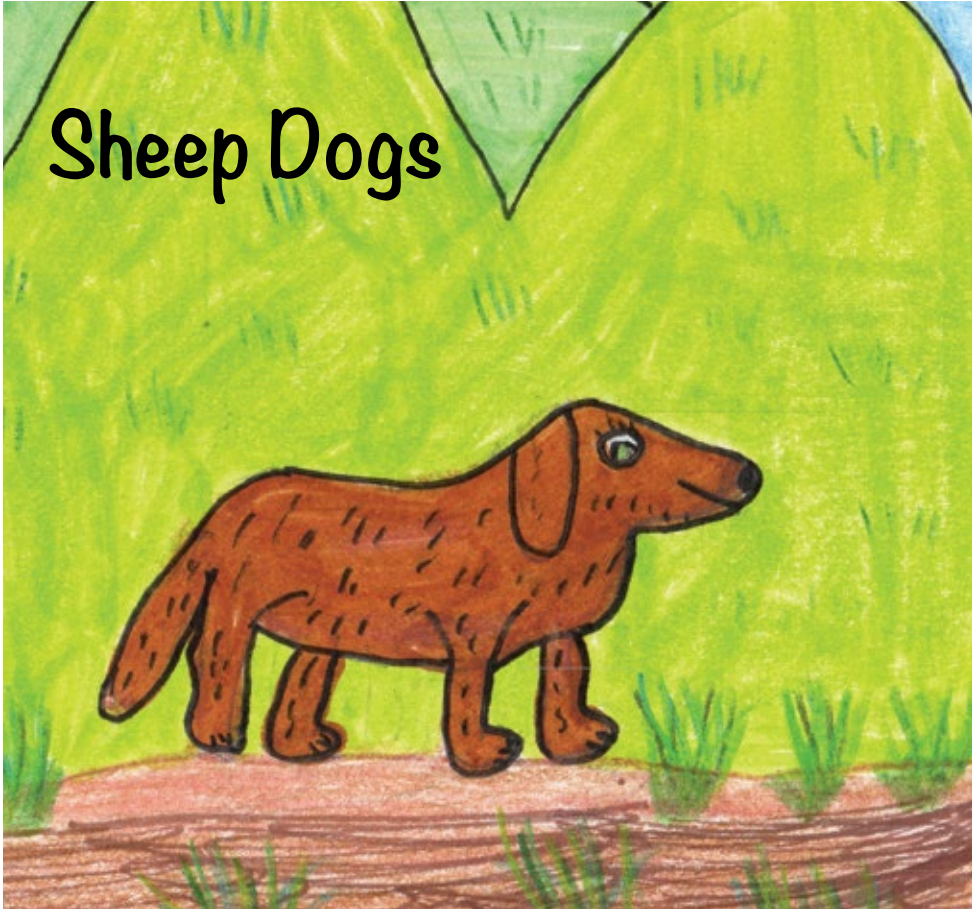


Farms have lots of different types of animals on them.

Each animal has a purpose. Some help with chores and others are raised to produce or sell.



Sheep Dogs

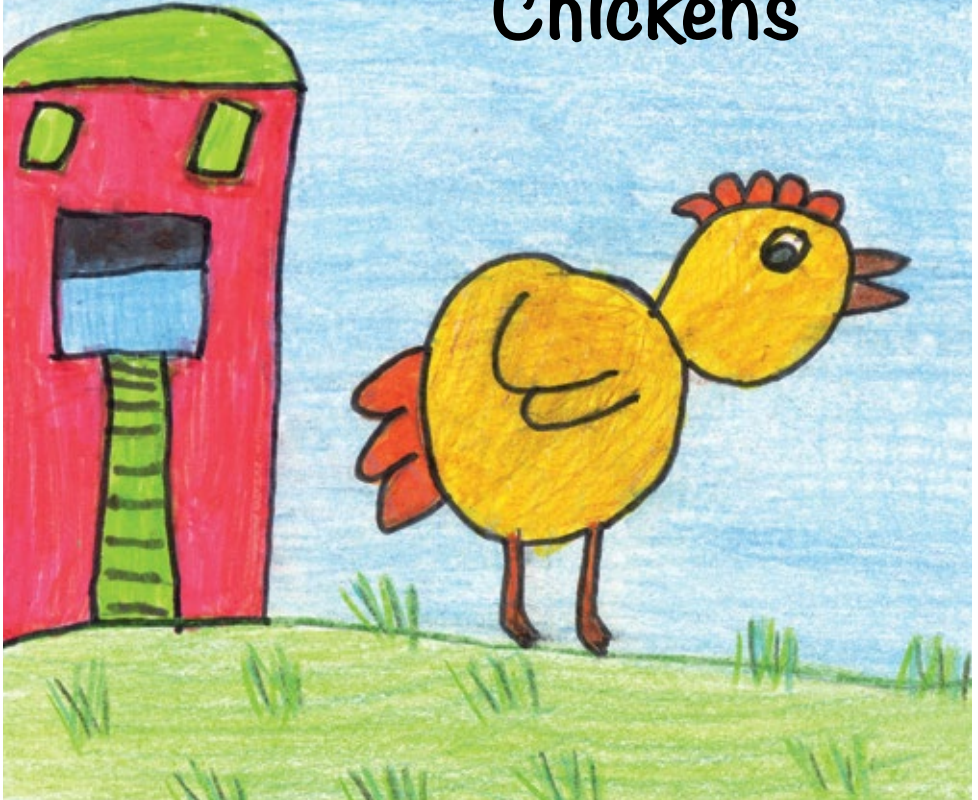


The sheep dog is a very helpful animal to have on your farm.

They help with all sorts of farm jobs. They are used for controlling sheep when they are rounded up for jobs like shearing and lamb marking.

The usual breeds of sheepdogs are cattle-dog, kelpies and border-collies.

Chickens

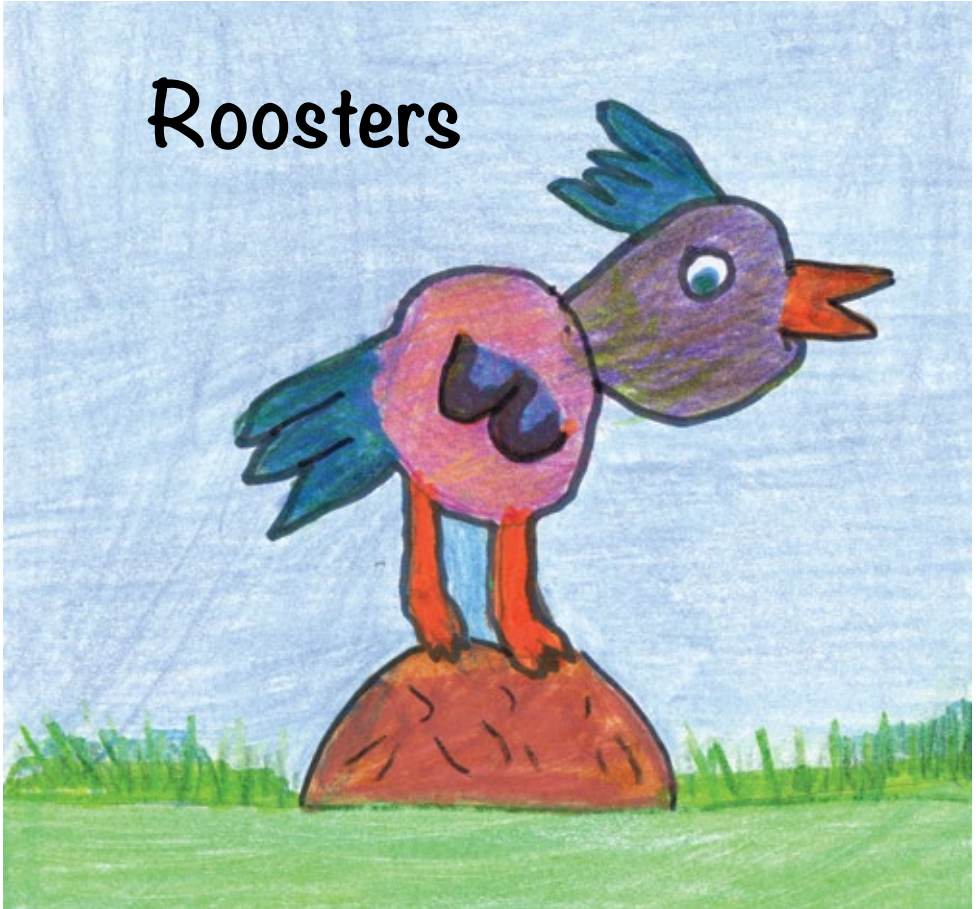


The chicken is a very good animal to have on your farm.

The chickens lay eggs for your family to eat and sell. You can also use chickens for their meat, although no chicken wants to become a roast dinner!

You may end up with chicks if you have a rooster.

Roosters



The rooster is a great animal to have on your farm. It gives you chicks if you put it in with the chickens.

Roosters are the farm's alarm clock and will wake you up in the morning. They even cock-a-doodle-do in the middle of the night if something is scaring the chooks.

Roosters can grow quite big.

Dairy Cows

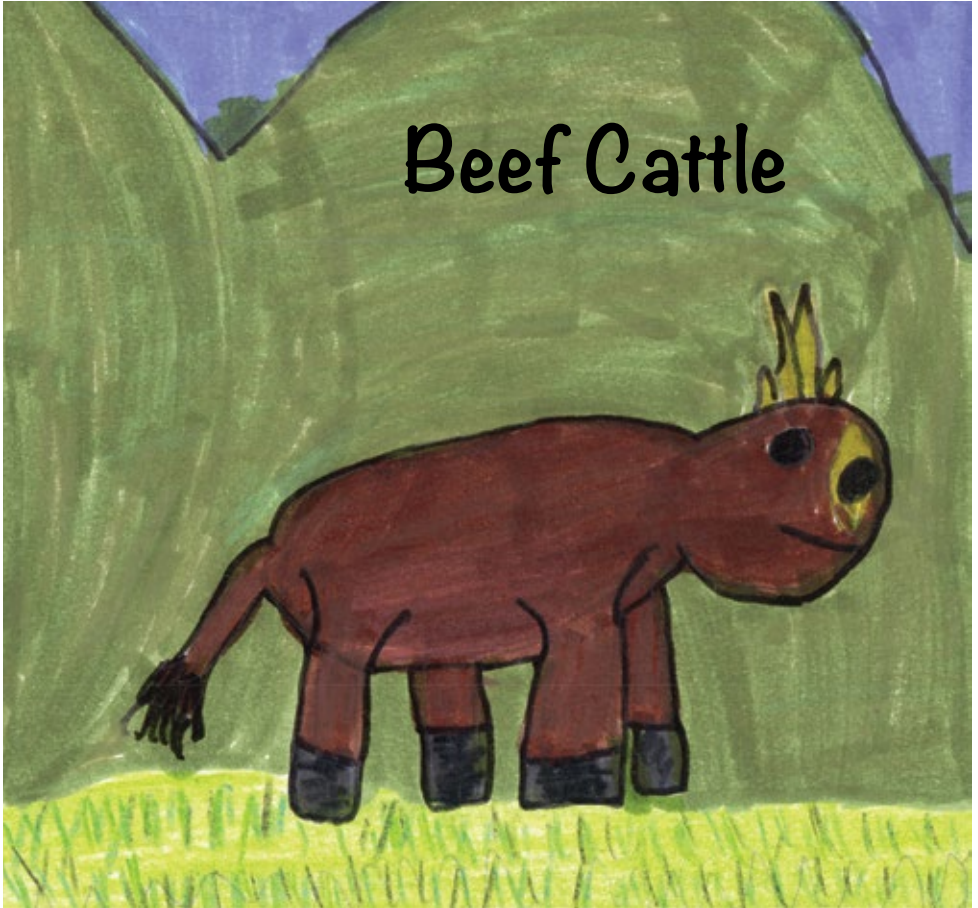


The dairy cow is a lovely farm animal as they are friendly and happy most of the time.

They give you milk and have calves for your farm to keep or sell.

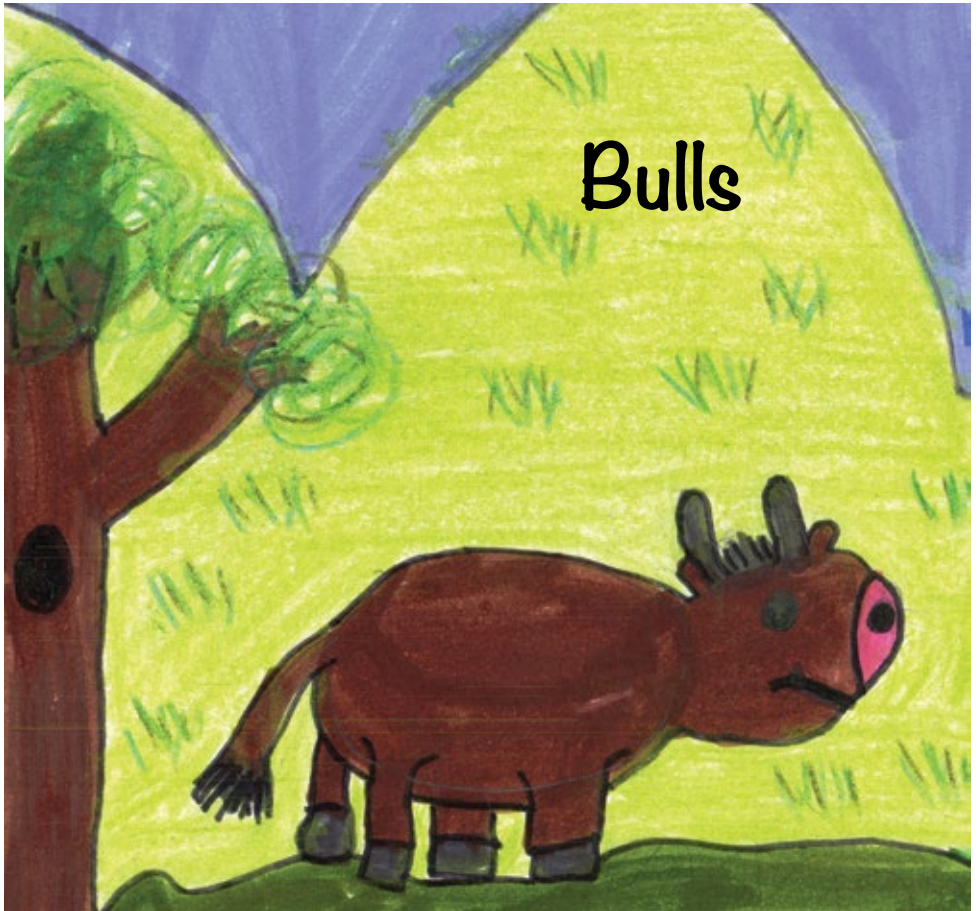
These cows are milked in a building called a dairy.

Beef Cattle



Beef cattle are raised on farms to be used for their meat. Farmers breed these to sell to other farmers or abattoirs.

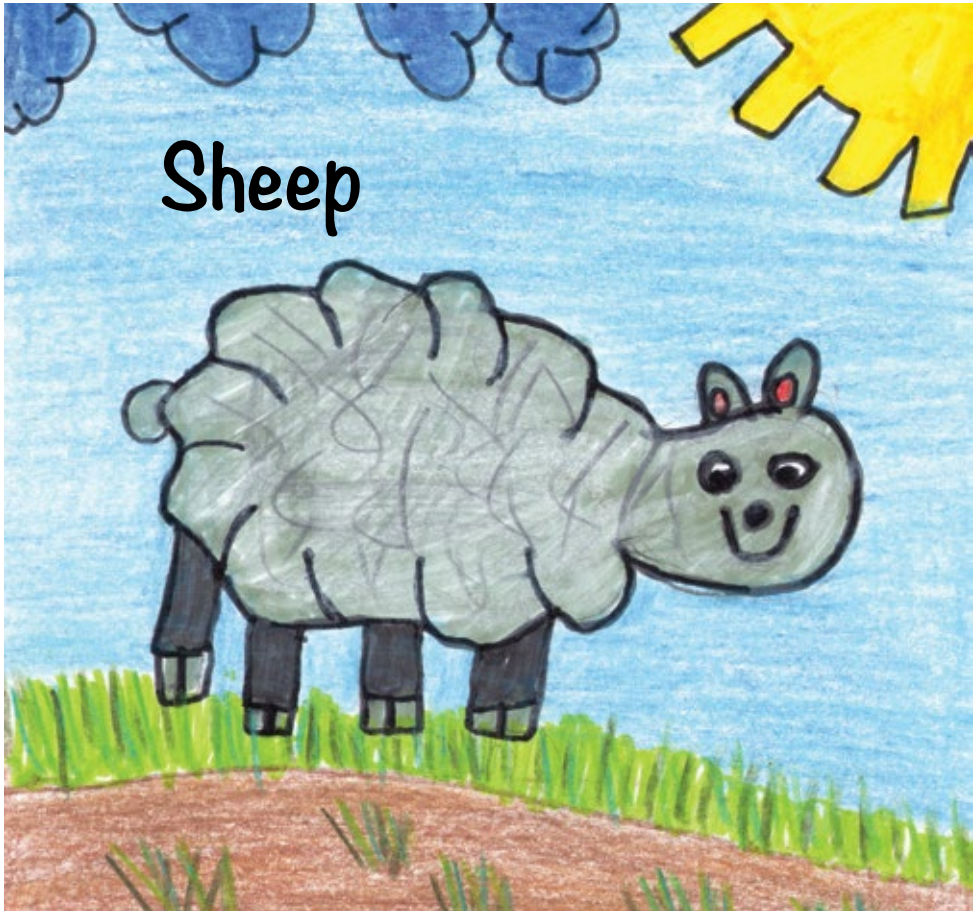
One of my favourite foods is steak, which comes from beef cattle.



Bulls are male cattle. They are kept on farms to breed with cows and allow them to have calves.

They can grow massive, are very tough and are often entered in shows.

Some bulls can be very dangerous. They can be entered in rodeos. Only the biggest, toughest, wildest bulls are used in the rodeos.

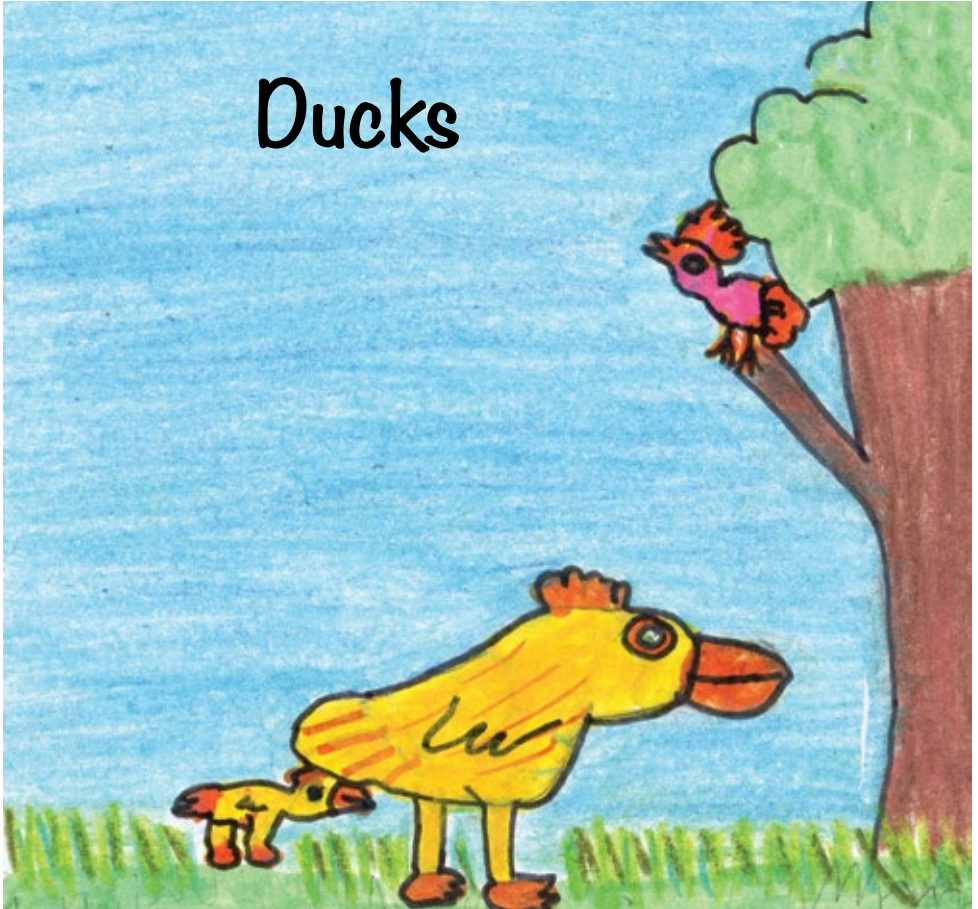


Sheep are kept on farms for both their wool and their meat.

You can shear the fleece and collect the wool. Other sheep are bred and grown for their meat to be eaten.

You can enter rams and sheep in shows and win prizes.

Ducks



The duck is a cheeky farm animal with webbed feet. They quack all day as they go around searching for food.

There are many types of ducks in the world. They can be used for eggs, meat or just kept as pets.

Some farms are lucky to have native wild ducks visit their dams.

Pigs

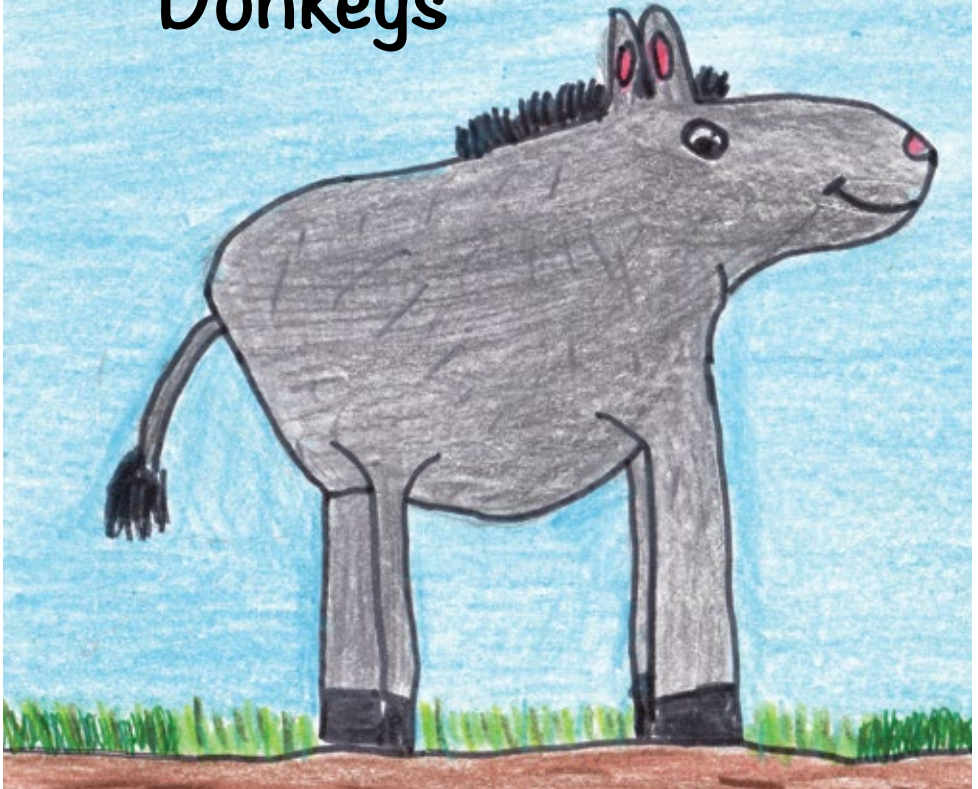


The pig is kept on farms for their meat and breeding.

We get pork, bacon and ham from pigs.

Pigs are very popular to enter in shows to win prizes.

Donkeys



In the days before vehicles like tractors and utes, donkeys were used for all sorts of farm jobs. They would help people carry things or pull equipment like ploughs, on the farm.

Donkeys are still used by some farmers to ride or carry heavy loads. They are often kept as pets.

Horses

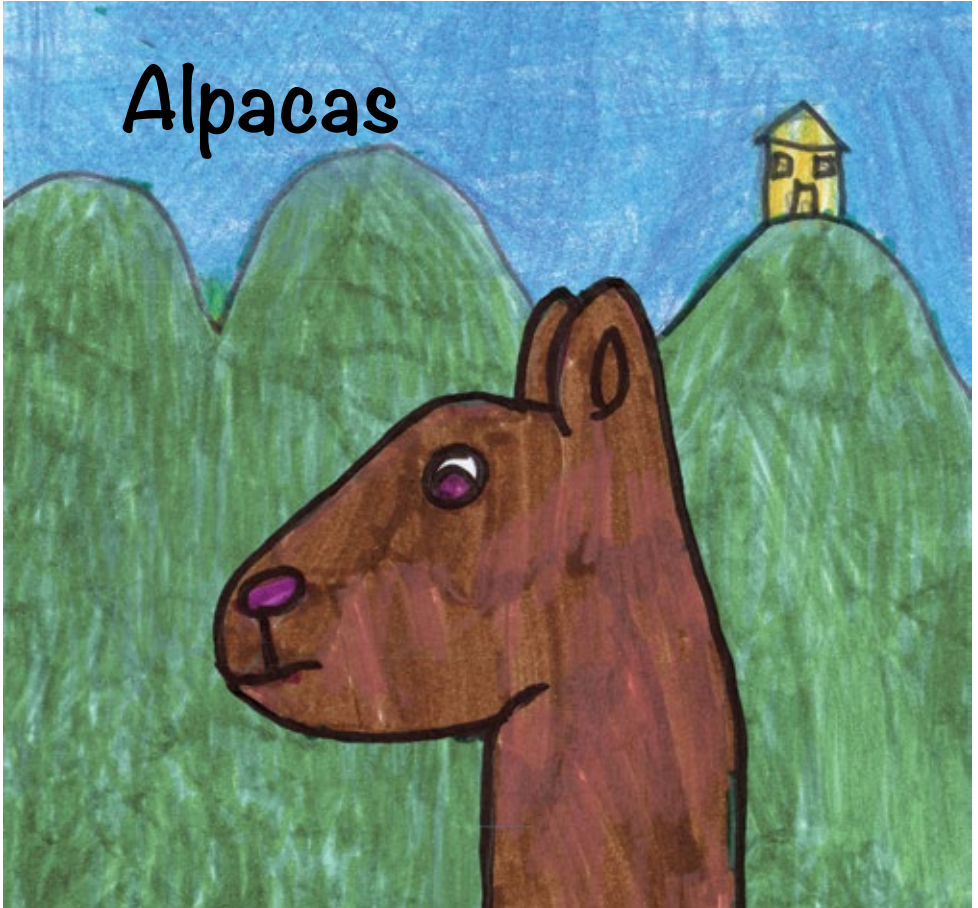


Horses are very friendly farm animals. They come in different colours, breeds and sizes.

Horses are very helpful as you can ride them for fun or for work. They help with mustering the sheep and cattle.

Some horses can be entered in shows or ridden in events called gymkhanas.

Alpacas



Alpacas are domesticated animals that have been brought to Australia from South America.

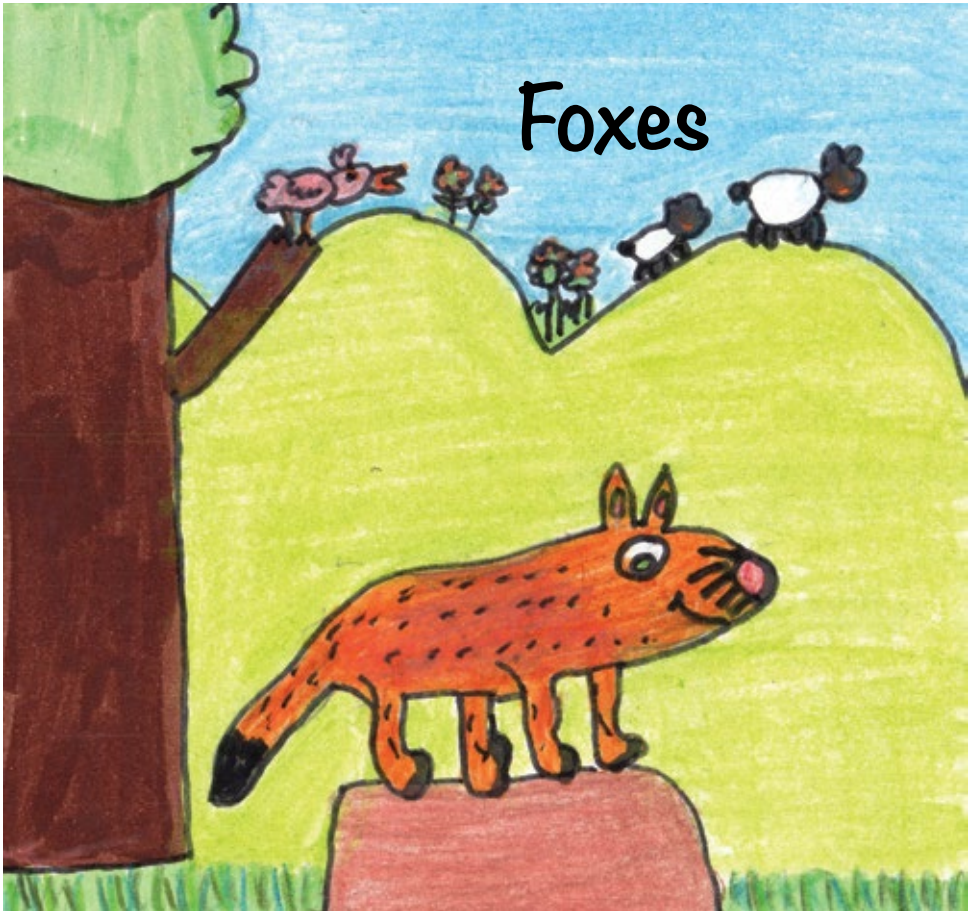
They are similar to llamas. They have a camel-like face and long ears.

Alpacas are friendly, gentle and curious. They are used for their fine, high quality wool.



Goats are an animal that can be raised for their milk, wool and meat. One of the most popular goat products is cheese.

They are tough animals that can live in rugged conditions. In Australia we have a problem with feral goats. These goats have escaped from farms and do damage to our natural environment.



Foxes are feral animals that can be bad for farms. They are scavengers and eat chooks, ducks, geese, lambs, birds and dead animals called carrion.

Most farmers try to keep fox numbers low by baiting or shooting them.



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