



Farm animals and us (2)

A thought-provoking and empathy-raising video, guaranteed to promote interest in and stimulate discussion about farm animal welfare. Pigs operate computers and rescue a drowning child; chickens learn from watching TV; teenagers role-play the lives of intensively reared broiler chickens. Intensive and free-range farming systems are compared – the viewer is left to make a choice.

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VOCABULARY

1. a **hen** : a female chicken. But the female of any bird can be referred to as a hen. An egg-laying hen is a hen raised for its eggs not for its meat.
2. a **slaughterhouse** : a place where animals are killed for their meat.
3. a **pen** : small area with a fence round it in which farm animals are kept.
4. **intensive farming** : to produce as many animals as possible from your land in a short time, usually with the aid of chemicals.
5. **factory farming** : system of farming which involves keeping animals indoors, often with very little space, and giving them special foods so that they grow more quickly or produce more eggs and milk.
6. **broiler chickens** are reared for meat rather than for eggs.
7. **to cram** : to put things or people into a container or place although there is hardly enough room for them.
8. **crowded** : full of people.
9. **to collapse** : if something collapses, it fails or comes to an end completely and suddenly.
10. a **cripple** : someone with a physical disability or a serious permanent injury, so serious that they can never move their body properly again.
11. **free-range** : system of keeping animals in which they can move and feed freely on an area of open ground.
12. **to ban** : to state officially that something must not be done, shown, or used.
13. a **shed** : large building used for storing things.
14. a **sow** is an adult female pig.
15. a **piglet** is a young pig.
16. **to rear** : to rear a young animal means you keep and look after it until it's old enough to be used for work or food, or until it can look after itself.
17. **cattle** are cows and bulls.
18. **dairy** : refers to foods such as butter and cheese that are made from milk. A dairy cow is used to produce milk rather than meat.
19. **organic** : methods of farming and gardening that use only natural animal and plant products to help the plants or animals grow and be healthy, rather than using chemicals.
20. a **crate** : large box used for transporting or storing things.
21. a **calf/calves** : young cow.
22. **welfare** : health, comfort, and happiness.

