



Critter Munch

Determine that animals have specialized diets. Identify commodities that are used to feed the animals.

Directions

Prior to beginning the activity:

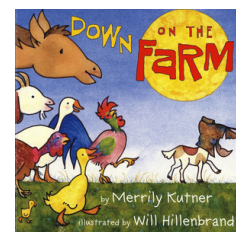
- Read *Down on the Farm*.
- Discuss the foods that animals eat:
Cattle: grass, grain, silage; **Poultry:** feed that includes grains and nutrients; **Horses:** hay, grain, apples; Other animals have grains like corn and wheat in their diet.

1. Point out that cereals are made from grains including corn and wheat.
2. Share that many animals also eat fruits and nuts.
3. Fill bowls with each type of food. Place a spoon in each bowl.
4. Assist children in putting 1 spoon full of each type of food into a snack bag.
5. Munch on the critter munch.
6. Draw a picture of your favorite animal eating.

Supplies

- *Down on the Farm* by Merrily Kutner
- Snack size baggies
- Corn cereal squares
- Frosted Cheerio cereal
- Popcorn
- Raisins
- Dried fruit bits
- Bowls
- Spoons
- Paper towels
- Wet wipes or soap and water (for cleaning hands before making munch)

Suggested Books



Farmer Facts: One farmer grows enough food for 168 people each year.

Farmers plan which crops to plant each year. They rotate the crops planted in the fields each year. Crop rotation is good for the soil.

Major Vegetable Crop Calendar

Summer Beans
Fall Beans
Cabbage
Sweet Corn
Summer Cucumbers
Fall Cucumbers
Tomatoes