

8 Farm Animals

Objectives:

- identify animals and the sounds they make,
- learn characteristics of birds vs. mammals
- describe relative sizes of farm animals

Supplies: pictures, “sheep wool” vs. “goat hair”, feathers, plastic farm animals as fidgets for those who need them

*Hold up picture of white **sheep 1** – what’s this? [Sheep / oveja] What does a sheep say? [Baa] Hold up pic of brown sheep 2 – did you know this is also a sheep? Not all sheep are white. How big is a sheep? Hold up illustrations of sheep 3 and standing child 4 – a sheep is about as tall as you are.*

*Hold up pics of brown **goat 5** and white goat 6. What are these? [goat / cabra] What does a goat say [Maa] Do you see this goat’s horns? Not all goats have horns, but many do. How big is a goat? Illo of goat 7. About the same size as a sheep. How do you tell them apart? Show Wool vs. Hair*

*Hold up pics of **pigs 8, 9**. What’s this? [pig / cerdo] What does a pig say? [Oink / snort] Pigs are also about the same size as sheep and goats, so almost as tall as you. Illo of pig 10.*

How many legs do pigs have? [4] What about sheep? [4] What about goats? [4]

*Hold up pics of **ducks 11-12**. What’s this? [ducks / patos] What does a duck say? [quack] How many legs does a duck have? [2] Huh... that’s different! All the others are mammals that have 4 legs. A duck is a bird, and birds have two legs and two wings. A duck is smaller than those other animals. Illo of duck, 13. It’s about as big as you are when you’re sitting down. Illo of child sitting 14.*

*Hold up **chicken** pics, 15, 16. What’s this? [Chicken, hen and rooster / pollo, gallina and gallo] What does a chicken say [cluck]. What does a rooster say? [cock-a-doodle-doo] show feathers Chickens and ducks have feathers. Do sheep, cows and goats have feathers? [No] Nope – mammals have hair, birds have feathers. A rooster might be almost as tall as you sitting down, but chickens are smaller. Illo of rooster 17*

*Hold up pictures of **cows 18, 19**. What’s this? [Cow, bull; vaca, toro] What does a cow say? [Moo] Male cattle are called bull, and they have horns. Cows are bigger than you, but not as tall as your parents. Illo of cow 20 and adult 21.*

*Hold up pictures of **horse 22, 23** What are these? [caballo] What does a horse say [neigh] Horses are very big – as tall as your parent or taller. Illo of horse 24,25.*

*Hold up pictures of **rabbit 26** with raised ears. What are these? [Rabbits, conejos] Rabbits are smaller than you are... a rabbit would fit in your lap. Illo rabbit 27. Do all rabbit ears stand up tall? Nope – some flop over like this. Picture of lop-ear 28. This is called a lop-eared rabbit. How many legs do rabbits have? [4] Do they have feathers or hair? [hair] Are they birds or mammals? [mammals]*

Then have kids do any of these activities

- Put illustrations in order by size
- Sort animal photos by “bigger than me”, “same size as me” and “smaller than me”
- Sort pictures into birds and mammals.
- Find the matches (both cows, both goats, etc.)

Then read a farm book, like Farmer Duck, and sing some farm songs, like Old McDonald.