Farm animals like cows, chickens, pigs and bunnies can be found all over the world, including at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Without farms, we wouldn’t have foods like milk, eggs, fruits, vegetables and ice cream! Farms are especially important in Wisconsin because we are the leading producer of cheese in the country. The Zoo’s Northwestern Mutual Family Farm is the only operating farm in the city of Milwaukee. Milk from the farm is sent to Clock Shadow Creamery, a local cheese-making company.

**SNACK**

**Farm Animal Bagels**

**Ingredients:**
- One package plain bagels
- Plain and/or strawberry cream cheese
- ½ cup strawberries
- 1 banana
- ½ cup chocolate chips (or blueberries for a healthier option)

**Directions:**
1. Carefully slice strawberries vertically to form triangles.
2. Peel banana and slice to form half-inch circles.
3. Now that your toppings are ready, toast bagels in toaster.
4. Spread plain cream cheese for “chicken” and “cow” bagels, and strawberry cream cheese for “pig” bagels.
5. Use banana slices with two chocolate chips on top to form the pig’s and cow’s noses, and cut a banana slice in quarters to form a chicken beak.
6. Use strawberry slices for pig ears and sliced strawberry tips for the chicken’s comb.
7. Use chocolate chips or blueberries for eyes.
8. Enjoy!

Try using pizza toppings for a savory snack!

**Brain Game**

Visit [zoosociety.org/farmgame](http://zoosociety.org/farmgame) to write your own silly story!
**SCIENCE EXPERIMENT**

**Practice Milking a Cow at Home**

**What you’ll need:**
Strong rubber glove, small needle, rubber band, milk, flour (optional)

Poke very small holes into the tip of all fingers (except the thumb) of a rubber glove. While holding over a glass or container, fill the glove with milk (or water) two thirds of the way full. Seal the top of the glove with a rubber band. Squeeze the fingers to watch the milk come out just like milk from a cow’s udder! If the milk is coming out too fast, try adding flour to thicken it.

**CRAFT**

**Make a Farm Animal Puppet Show!**

**What you’ll need:**
Markers and crayons
Bag of Popsicle sticks
Construction paper
Scissors
Glue and/or clear tape
Laminating paper (optional)

**Steps:**
1. On construction paper, draw and color in your favorite farm animals. Have your parents/guardians help you cut them out. You can find printable coloring pages at zoosociety.org/FarmColoringPages. Hint: Laminate the puppets to help them last longer.
2. Glue the paper animals to the end of Popsicle sticks. Let dry.
3. Color the rest of the Popsicle sticks red like a barn.
4. Cut a large barn shape out of red construction paper. Cut a rectangle out of the center of the barn for the “stage.”
5. Glue the red Popsicle sticks around the opening in the barn and on the roof. Glue a couple of sticks to the back of the barn to serve as handles.
6. Grab a friend to perform a puppet show! Each friend can hold up one side of the barn and perform with a puppet in the other hand.

Give us your best farm animal impressions in a puppet show!
BRAIN GAME  WRITE YOUR OWN FARM STORY!

First fill in the word bank, then put your answers in the corresponding numbered spaces in the story. Read aloud to hear your wacky story!

You will need these words:

[1] Article of clothing: ____________
[4] Place you’d find on a farm: ____________
[5] Another place you’d find on a farm: ____________
[7] Farm animal: ____________
[8] Action verb, past tense: ____________
[10] Board game: ____________

A crazy day on the farm

One hot summer’s day, Farmer Tom put on his ____________ [1] and ____________ [2] out to his barn for a long day of work. But when he got to the barn, the chickens were missing! Farmer Tom was very ____________ [3] and went out to search for them. He looked in the ____________ [4] and the ____________ [5], but couldn’t find the chickens anywhere. Suddenly, Farmer Tom heard a loud ____________ [6] coming from the ____________ [7] den. He ____________ [8] to the den and there were the chickens! Farmer Tom couldn’t believe his ____________ [9]. The chickens were playing ____________ [10] with the other animals! Silly chickens!
Farm Puppet

Chicken

1. Color. 2. Cut along dotted line. 3. Glue to Popsicle stick.
Farm Puppet

Pig

1. Color. 2. Cut along dotted line. 3. Glue to Popsicle stick.
Cow

1. Color. 2. Cut along dotted line. 3. Glue to Popsicle stick.