

Cattle

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Level 20

Running Words 546 Text Type Information Report

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Science (Biological Sciences)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the information report in their own words.
Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

- 1 Why do farmers keep cattle?
- 2 How many stomachs do cattle have?
- 3 What are beef cattle?

Inferential

- 4 Why does a new calf have wobbly legs?
- 5 Why is there sometimes not enough grass for cattle to eat in summer?
- 6 Why do farmers use milking machines instead of milking cows by hand?
- 7 What are dairy foods?
- 8 Why are cattle important farm animals?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 Why does milk need to be kept cold?
- 10 Where is milk taken after it is put into bottles or cartons at a factory?

Links with Other PM Guided Reading Books

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Level 20	Information Report	<i>Sheep</i>
Level 20	Information Report	<i>Goats</i>
Level 20	Information Report	<i>Alpacas</i>
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Cattle

Some farmers keep cattle for their milk.

Other farmers keep cattle for meat.

Female cattle are called cows
and male cattle are called bulls.

Baby cattle are called calves.



Cattle have hair all over their bodies.
The hair can be black, brown or white.

Cattle can have long or short horns,
or they may have no horns at all.

Cattle have four **hooves**
and each hoof has two toes.
The hooves make it easier
for cattle to walk on bumpy ground.



Calves

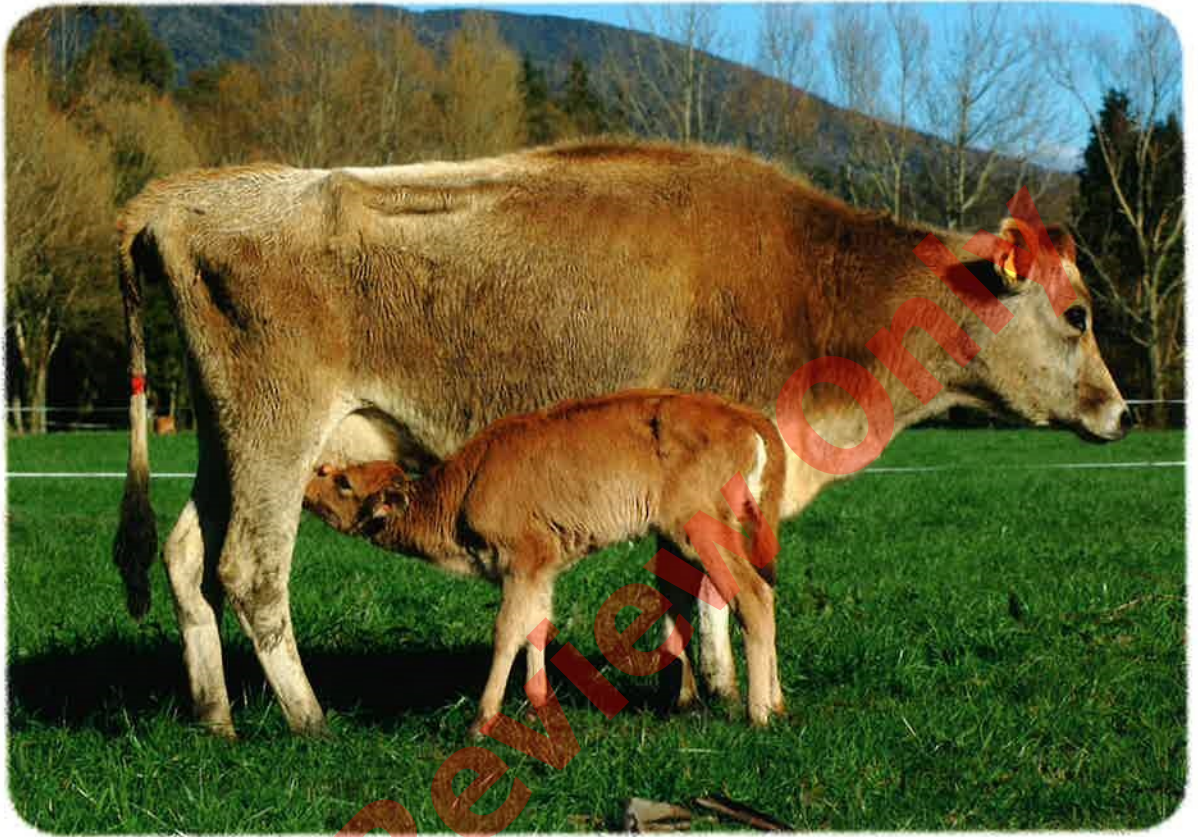
When a calf is born, its mother licks it all over to make it clean.

Then the calf is warm and dry.

The calf tries to stand up on its long, wobbly legs.

A calf can stand up a short time after it is born.





Soon, the new calf is able to walk, too.
It is very hungry,
so it walks to its mother to drink her milk.
Young calves need lots of milk
because they grow very fast.

What Cattle Eat

Cattle eat grass by pulling it into their mouths with their tongues.

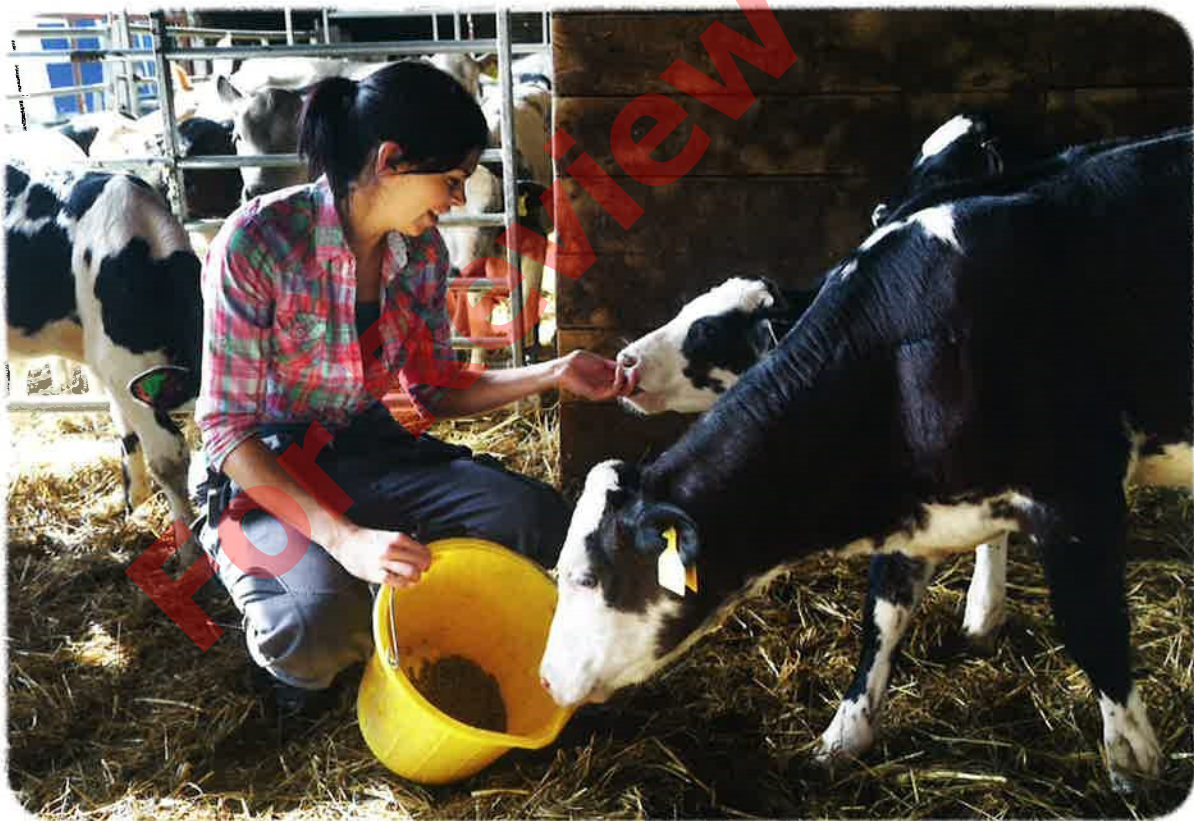
Then they break it off with their teeth.



Sometimes, in long, hot summers or cold winters, there is not enough grass for the cattle to eat.

Farmers have to feed them dry grass, called hay, or grains that have been mixed together.

Cattle need fresh water to drink, too.



A farmer feeds cows some grains from a bucket.