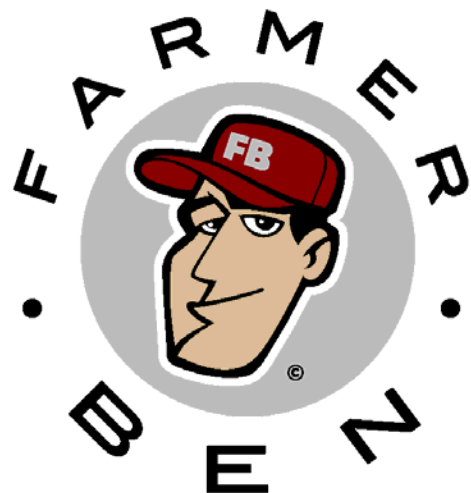


## Critter Munch

Animals need food to stay healthy and grow. Cattle, poultry, and even equine has a specialized diet just right for them. Cattle eat grass, grain and silage which is a mixture of corn and grass. Poultry eat a different specialized feed including grains and nutrients. Horses enjoy hay, grain, and even the occasional apple. Many animals have grains such as corn and wheat as a part of their diet.



### You will need:

*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

### How to:

1. Read *Down on the Farm* to a group of children.
2. Discuss the sounds that each animal makes.
3. Talk about what type of food each animal eats.
4. Point out that cereals are made from grains including corn and wheat.
5. Share that many animals also eat fruits and nuts.
6. Fill bowls with each type of food. Place a spoon in each bowl.
7. Have students wash and dry hands before creating critter munch.
8. Assist children in putting 1 spoon full of each type of food into a snack bag.
9. Munch on the critter munch.
10. Draw a picture of your favorite animal eating.

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