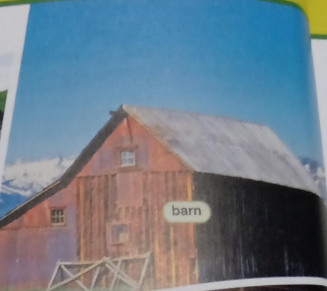


11 Housing animals



PROPER ANIMAL HOUSING METHODS

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Here are some tips for how to properly house animals. I will use my hog **barn** as an example. The ideas apply to **coops** and **pens** as well. Animals with proper housing are in their **comfort zones**. They are healthier and more productive than animals with poor housing.

First, make sure the enclosure matches the **space requirements** of the animal. You also need to know the animals' **critical temperatures**. Install automated heating and cooling to prevent **heat stress** and **cold stress**. Don't forget to have a good **waste management** system. **Slotted floors** provide a simple way to keep your animal's living space clean.

Get ready!

- 1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 How are animals housed in your country?
- 2 How do workers maintain animal housing structures?

Reading

- 2 Read the page from a farming blog. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 ___ The author raises poultry.
- 2 ___ Housing affects animals' productivity.
- 3 ___ Slotted floors prevent heat stress.

Vocabulary

- 3 Read the sentence pair. Choose where the words best fit the blanks.

- 1 coop / cold stress

- A The chickens live in a separate _____.
- B Install a heater to prevent _____.

- 2 heat stress / pen

- A During the summer, _____ is a problem.
- B Pigs do best if they are kept in their own _____.

- 3 slotted floor / waste management

- A _____ is essential for odor control.
- B A _____ helps air to circulate.

- 4 Match the (A-D).

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4 Match the words (1-4) with the definitions (A-D).

- 1 — barn
- 2 — comfort zone
- 3 — critical temperature
- 4 — space requirement

- A conditions under which an animal is comfortable
- B a structure used to house animals
- C the amount of space that an animal needs
- D a temperature that must be maintained

5  Listen and read the page from a farming blog again. Apart from proper housing, what else do animals require to be productive?

Listening

Speaking

8 With a partner, discuss the conditions based on the text.

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I agree with...
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Student

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