

DATE: August 14, 2001
TIME: 40 minutes

GROUP: K-4
ACTIVITY: Tour of Farm

**VON THUN FARMS
SAMPLE LESSON PLAN**

SUBJECT: Production of Farm Animals

LESSON SUMMARY: The students will gain a foundation and basic understanding of the animal husbandry practices that must be followed when raising farm animals.

OBJECTIVES:

- To gain familiarity with the variety of animals raised on this farm.
- To introduce students to the fundamentals of livestock production.
- To introduce students to farms animals and their characteristics.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION ACTIVITIES	TIME
FARM LOCATION	History of the Farm Safety While on the Farm	10minutes
FARM ANIMALS	Animal Identification: Types & Breeds Name the Animals at Their Various Stages of Maturity Size & Weights at Birth Size & Weight at Maturity Animal Nutrition: Types of Feed & Quantity Characteristics of Each Kind of Animal How are the Animals Used on the Farm	20 minutes
WRAP -UP	Discussion Questions	10minutes

EXERCISE:

1. List the various animals raised on the farm.
2. Discuss the names of the animals at various stages during their life.
3. List the name designations for the male and female animals.
4. Discuss the types of feed required for various animals.

RESOURCES:

Von Thuns Farm, www.vonthunsfarms.com

Oklahoma State Livestock Breeds Library

<http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/BREEDS/SWINE/>

Oklahoma State University - Breeds of Sheep

<http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/SHEEP/>

Oklahoma State University - Breeds of Livestock - Cattle

<http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/cattle/>

Rutgers Cooperative Extension Publications: <http://www.rce.rutgers.edu/>

L530 NJ Dairyman: Feeding & Reproduction

L582 NJ Dairyman: Goats & Raising Kids

FS148 Helpful Hints for Small Flock Management

RU26 Suggested Feeding Program for Small Poultry Flocks – Egg Laying Chickens

EB395 Raising Sheep, A Guide for the Beginner