

# Kids Korner

## Learn About Veal

Veal calves are raised in many family farms.

Veal calves are male calves that do not produce milk. Most veal calves are Hostein cattle that are black and white. The calves weigh about 100 pounds when they are born and grow to 400-500 pounds.

The calves are fed twice a day in a safe and warm barn. A veterinarian helps the farmer keep the calves healthy by visiting the farm and checking each calf for sickness. If the veterinarian finds a sick calf, it is treated immediately. A farmer likes to keep all his

calves healthy.

Computers are often used in cow barns to help keep the barns cool on hot days and warm on cold days.

The farmer likes to raise the healthiest veal calves that he can. Veal calves provide nutritious meat that tastes good and is packed with vitamins, minerals, and protein. Veal is low in fat and high in protein.

Here are some fun activities from the American Veal Association that will help you learn about veal.

### Try to find these words

S L A R E N I M O P A S V F G  
 H J K L Z X H V B N M Q I W T  
 M N B V C E Z L K V H G T D S  
 V P O I A Y T R E W Q F A N Y  
 P E L L C K G A T M U E M H N  
 Q W T R T Y L I O P C X I L I  
 H H K E Z R E W Q F K N N D E  
 Y R W I R E M R A F C B S N T  
 P Y R W A I G J L N V X Z O S  
 Q W E R T Y N I E T O R P F L  
 A P O I U Y T A E W Q F K N O  
 H J K E Z R E W R F K A Y D H  
 M N B V E X Z L K I H G F D S  
 C A L V E S G J T M A E Z H Q  
 E Y O N U T R I T I O N O K L

CALVES  
 FARMER  
 HEALTHY  
 HOLSTEIN

MINERALS  
 NUTRITION  
 PROTEIN

VEAL  
 VETERINARIAN  
 VITAMINS

### Veal Scramble

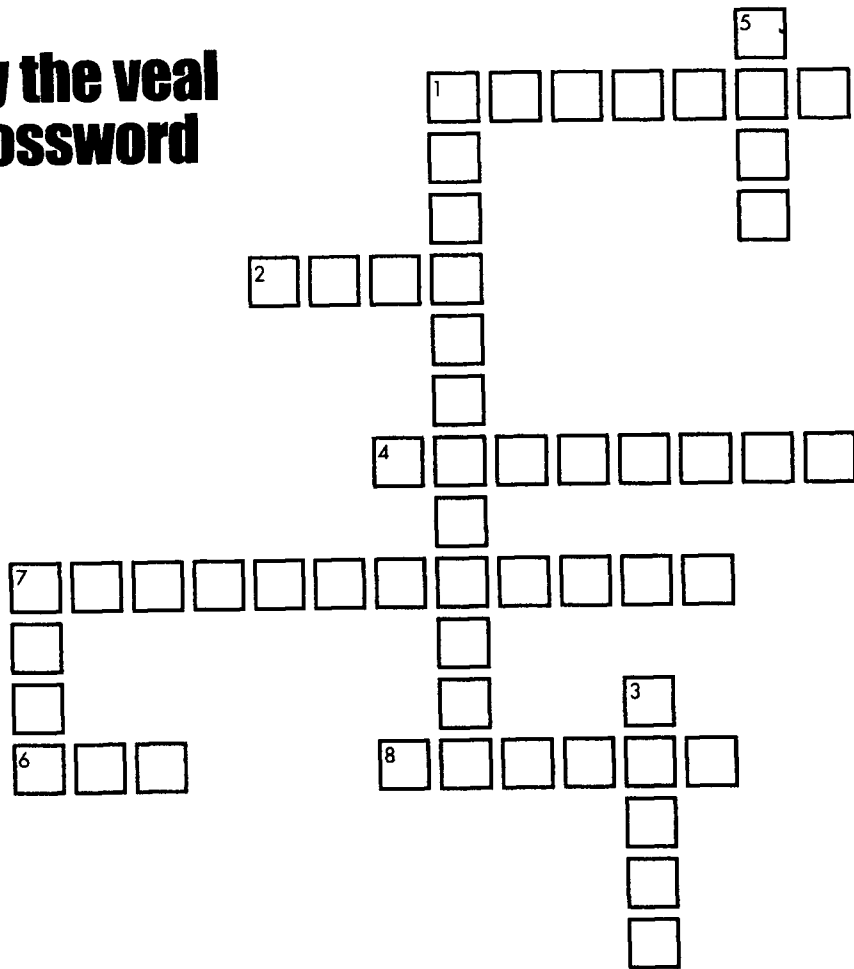
Unscramble these words to find the answer to the following question

Q. Other parts of the cow such as bones and hooves are used to make many useful items. These other parts are called \_\_\_\_?

- dbgeana      ○ -----
- yoracn      ----- ○ -----
- lawl eappr      ----- ○ -----
- mnteursnti srgnit      ----- ○ -----
- nopia yke      ----- ○ -----
- dincimee      ----- ○ -----
- ipatn rubhs      ----- ○ -----
- dnelca      ○ -----
- mapt      ----- ○ -----

A. \_\_\_\_\_ S

### Try the veal crossword



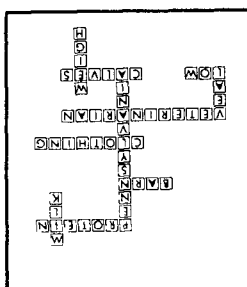
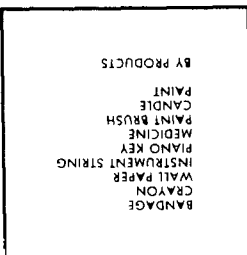
#### ACROSS

- 1 Veal contains \_\_\_\_\_ which is essential to the human diet.
- 2 Housing for calves
- 4 Veal calves provide food & \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Veal is \_\_\_\_\_ in fat.
- 7 Doctor who helps keep calves healthy
- 8 Dairy cow offspring

#### DOWN

1. One state where veal is farmed
- 3 A veal calf may \_\_\_\_\_ 400 lbs.
- 5 Calves drink \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Parmesan

### June Dairy Month



## Smart Stuff

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### Why are there so many noisy insects this year?

Those singing bugs are called periodical cicadas, and they have a life cycle that's very different from most insects. Periodical cicadas (say sick-AY-duhs) only emerge from their underground nests once every 13 or 17 years. Usually, insects hatch from their eggs every year.

Here's what happens: Immature periodical cicadas, called nymphs, develop underground and suck juices from plant roots. When it's time, they emerge from the soil at night and climb onto nearby trees to molt into winged adults. (You can find their outer skins, called exoskeletons, attached to tree trunks and twigs.)

Then the singing begins. Males vibrate special membranes, called tymbals, to make a distinct buzzing sound. If the insects are in your area, you'll know by the sound — thousands upon thousands of cicadas buzz in unison to attract female cicadas.

By August, the cicada eggs have hatched and the tiny nymphal cicadas drop to the ground and burrow underground to feed and begin their 13- or 17 year development.

So why all at once? Scientists think it's the cicadas' version of safety in numbers. A few of the cicadas might die, but even a hungry animal couldn't eat thousands of cicadas. Even if it could, an animal or another insect would have to match its life cycle to the cicada's and have babies only once every 13 or 17 years. That doesn't happen, so periodical cicadas don't have any natural enemies — except for a few cats, raccoons, songbirds and dogs that think they're tasty!

