

Veal Lifecycle

Where Am I?

Veal is a nutritious and nutrient-rich meat that is produced from the male calves of dairy cows. A veal calf will live two places. They will be born and spend their first week of life on a dairy farm. After they are a week old, they will move to a veal farm. At both farms, the farmers work hard to make sure the calves are taken care of and have everything they need to be healthy and grow.

Dairy Farm

A dairy cow gives birth to a calf.

Calves weigh 85-100 pounds at birth.

Soon after it is born, the calf drinks its mother's milk.

Female calves stay on the dairy farm, but male calves are sold within a week of being born.

Veal Farm

Until the calves are 8 weeks old, they are kept in individual pens to protect them from diseases.

Veal barns give calves lots of natural light and fresh air.

Around 8 weeks old, veal calves are grouped into pens by their age and size.

Calves are fed milk replacer that has all the nutrients they need to stay healthy and grow.

Inside barns, the calves are kept cool in summer and warm in winter.

When the animal weighs 500 pounds, it is ready for the meat to be harvested.

Cut out the sentences below. **Sort** them into the correct box above to show on which type of farm these things would happen in the life of a veal calf.