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ALFALFA: A plant most often grown as feed for livestock.

BULK TANK: A large container used to store milk inside the

barn before a truck comes to pick it up.

BULL: A male cow

CALF: A newborn cow

COW: A female cow who has already given birth to at least

one calf.

CUD: The portion of food that a cow returns from its first stomach to the mouth to chew a second time.

FEED KITCHEN: The room inside a barn designated for storing and mixing up food for the cows.

HAY: Grass or alfalfa that has been cut and dried for use as food.

HEIFER: A cow that has never given birth to a calf.

HOLSTEIN: Black and white breed of dairy cattle that yields large quantities of milk having a low content of butterfat.

HOOVES: The foot of a cow.

MANURE: Poop from cows (or other animals) that is used as fertilizer for the soil.

MILKING HERD: A group of cows that are all producing milk that will be transformed into dairy products for consumers.





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MILK TRUCK: A truck with a large tank on the back used to transport milk from farms to processing plants.

NURSERY: The area in the barn where the newborn calves live until they are around 3 months old. At our barn, the calves have individual stalls right next to each other that can be expanded once the calves are old enough to live in stalls together.

PROCESSING PLANT: A place where milk is brought and transformed into dairy products,

like yogurt, cheese and milk for drinking.

ROBOTIC FEEDER: A robot that can be programmed to automatically feed the cows so they have access to fresh food 24 hours a day.

ROBOTIC MILKER: A robot that milks cows automatically when they step up to the machine. It allows the cows to be on their own schedule rather than that of the barn workers.

RUMINANT: An animal with a special digestive system that allows them to better use energy from the plants they eat than other herbivores.

SILAGE: Feed that has been fermented.

STRAW: Used for bedding inside the barn.

UDDER: The part of cow that produces milk.

YEARLING: A calf that is over a year old.