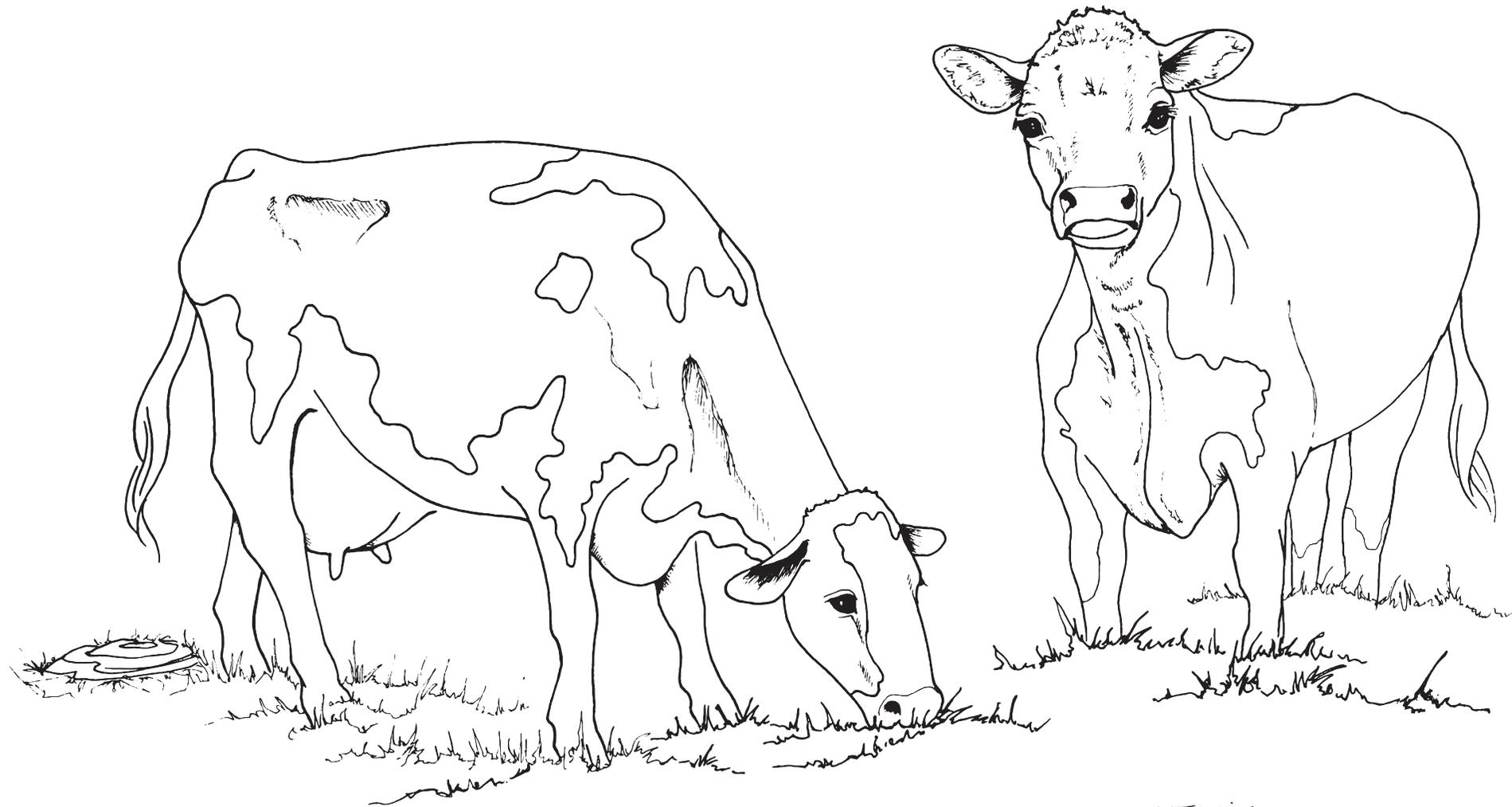


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Who's on the farm?

There are many different varieties of cattle that we see on farms. Some provide us with milk, some with meat and sometimes we use other parts of the cattle to make clothing, furniture and brushes.

There are two main types of cattle – dairy and beef.

Dairy cows are raised for their milk. The cows are taken to a dairy where suction cups are attached to the teats on their udder to extract the milk. Dairy products are a great source of calcium which gives us strong bones. They include:

- cheese
- milk
- evaporated milk
- yogurt
- cream.

Beef cattle are raised for their meat and other products. All parts of the animals have a use:

- Meat – eating (e.g. steak and veal)
- Skin – leather and hide coverings
- Hair – felts, yarns and brushes
- Bones and scraps – beef stock.

Australia is one of the largest cattle exporters in the world.

Varieties near me

When travelling around the countryside near your home, count the different varieties of cattle you see. You can usually tell by the different colours and sizes.

Food and Fibre

Animals provide us with lots of food and fibre products. Look at the lists on the left of the different products dairy cows and beef cattle provide. Take a look through your house and see if you can identify all the different products that are made from, or come from various cattle breeds. A good place to start is the fridge.



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