

**BEEF**

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# Meet the Calf

Grades preK-K

Some beef farmers have a cow-calf farm. They raise and care for the female cattle, cows, and their babies, calves. Cows can have one calf a year. When a calf is born, it usually weighs around 75 pounds. A baby calf can walk soon after they are born. The farmer will check the calf to make sure it is healthy, just like a doctor will do for human babies. The calf stays on the cow-calf farm for about six months. During this time, they drink their mother's milk while they learn to eat grasses. When the cow knows her baby is ready to eat grasses, she will start to wean the calf off her milk by pushing it away. Once the calf is weaned, the farmer will separate the calves from their mothers. The calves are then either sold to another farmer or stay on the farm for the next stage of the beef lifecycle.

Color each section the color that matches the color in the key to find the Hereford beef cow and her calf hiding in the pasture.

