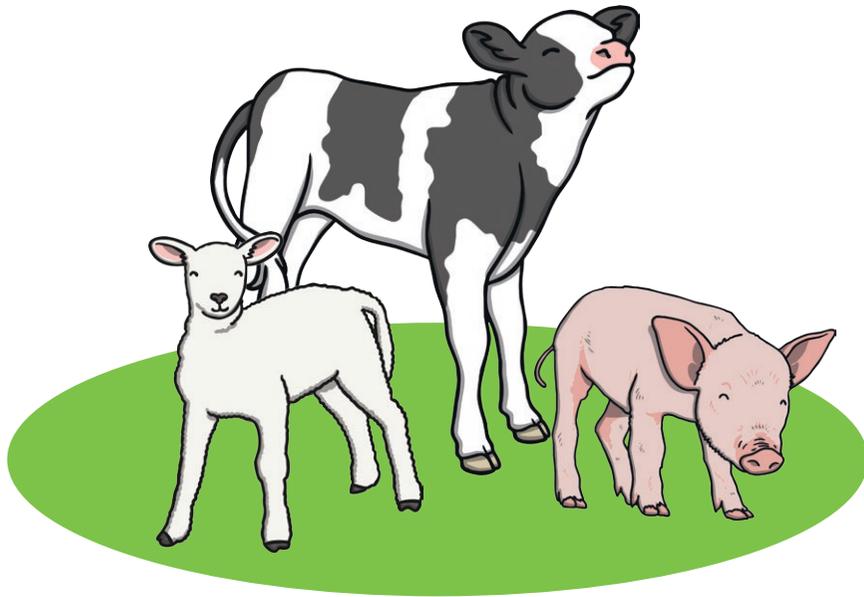


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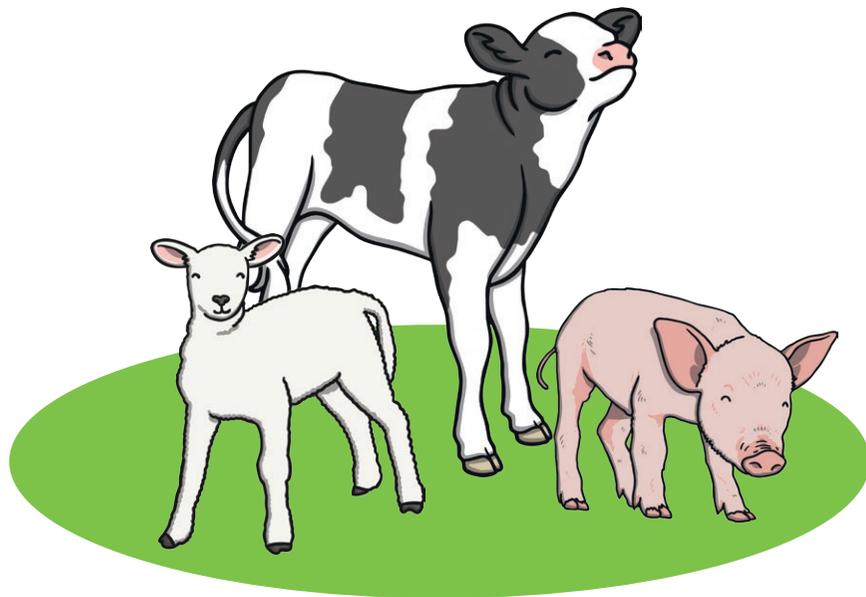
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Answers



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Accept any inferential answer, e.g. So that the mother and baby sheep are warm and safe.



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To stay healthy and strong. To help them to grow.