

Fact or Opinion?

A **fact** is information that is known or can be proven to be true. An **opinion** is something that is thought or felt by someone, but it cannot be proven true. Read each sentence below about beef farmers and their role in caring for their animals. If the sentence states something that is a fact, circle **F**. If the sentence states an opinion, circle **O**.

- F** **O** Beef farmers raise beef cattle in order to provide nutritious meat products, known as beef.
- F** **O** Farmers work with livestock nutritionists so their animals can be fed a balanced diet.
- F** **O** Helping deliver calves is something farmers enjoy doing.
- F** **O** There is one breed of beef that is the best for farmers to raise for meat.
- F** **O** Calves are given ear tags by the farmer to help identify them throughout their lifecycle.
- F** **O** When a calf is born, the farmer checks it to make sure it is healthy.
- F** **O** Cows like eating corn more than hay.
- F** **O** Barns give the animals shelter and protection from the weather.
- F** **O** Pastures provide open space and grasses for the cattle to eat.
- F** **O** Beef cattle grazing in a green pasture is a beautiful sight.
- F** **O** Farmers check their fences to make sure their cattle are safe.
- F** **O** Cattle should only eat grasses their entire life.
- F** **O** When fresh grasses are not available, farmers will feed their cattle dried grasses like hay.
- F** **O** The farmer's kids like to help take care of the animals.
- F** **O** Beef farmers check on their animals every day.
- F** **O** When one of their animals is sick, the farmer calls a veterinarian.
- F** **O** Watering systems are put in place by farmers so their cattle have enough water to drink.
- F** **O** Beef cattle drink too much water.
- F** **O** During the finishing stage, farmers choose to either feed their cattle hay or grains.
- F** **O** To keep cattle healthy, manure in barns and pens are cleaned out by the farmer.