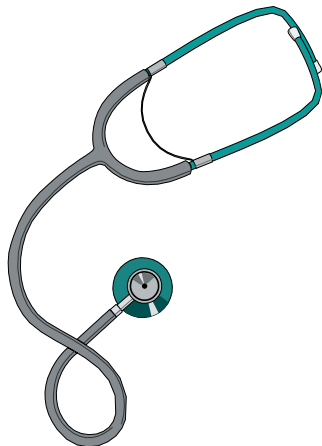




# About ANIMAL HEALTH

## HEALTH & NUTRITION

Farmers work closely with veterinarians to provide animal health care and herd and flock preventative medicine programs. These programs include vaccinations to prevent viral and bacterial diseases, treatment for internal and external parasites, reproductive health examinations and dental care. Veterinarians are instrumental in helping farmers to formulate the best diet that will promote ideal growth while helping to support good herd health. Healthy, well-balanced diets mean happy healthy animals with fewer disease problems.



## SAFETY & WELL-BEING

One of the veterinarian's primary concerns is the welfare of the animals in his care. Veterinarians can help farmers assess and correct potential safety hazards to animals. Veterinarians use vaccinations to prevent potential illnesses. Vaccinations have been developed against many diseases because preventing an illness is always better than trying to treat it. Using medications only when needed and using the animal's own immune system to fight disease through good diet and comfortable environment is important to successful outcomes for the farmer and the veterinarian.

## ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

By observing behavior patterns in a group of animals, veterinarians can spot early signs of problems and take steps to correct them. Health problems are often indicated by a change in behavior. Farmers rely on veterinarians to help find any problem areas in the herd and treat them before they spread. By studying animals' behaviors, veterinarians learn that watching and listening are as important as instruments and drugs.

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## COMFORT & HOUSING

Comfort is essential to animal health. Comfortable animals produce more food and fiber, live longer lives, reproduce better, and are more satisfied. Farmers work with veterinarians to evaluate housing systems and get advice on how to design and manage indoor and outdoor environments to provide for optimal animal comfort. Farmers also work with veterinarians to develop sanitation programs to ensure that animal housing is kept clean to maximize animal comfort and health as well as to address environmental concerns.

