

Farm Animal Outside Activity

Balloon Herding

Sometimes farmers have a lot of animals that they need to move from one field to another. They do this by herding the animals in groups to their new location! Herding is another word for gather or round up. Sometimes farmers have dogs that help them keep all the animals moving together.

In this activity, YOU are going to be the farmer! You must herd all of your animals from one area to another. Good luck!

Materials:

- Balloons
- Markers (optional)
- Construction Paper (optional)

Directions:

- Start by blowing up your balloons. It's up to you how many you want! Start with 5 per player and move up from there.
- Optional step – decorate your balloons! Use markers and construction paper to make your balloons look like farm animals. Add beaks for chickens, wool for sheep, or ears for cows.
- Move all of your balloons outside. Designate one area of the yard as the pasture and one as the barnyard. Place all of your balloons in the pasture.
- On the count of 3, all players must herd their balloon animals from the pasture to the barnyard.
- You can play this as a competition and see who can get all of their animals to the barnyard first.
- You can also play this as a group activity. Time yourself and see how long it takes everyone to work together and get the balloon animals from the pasture to the barnyard. See if you can beat your time!