# 7. What Animals Do for Us

## Food from animals

Some of our food comes from animals. Milk comes mostly from cows and buffaloes. Only some people drink the milk of other animals like goats and camels. Paneer, ghee, butter, yoghurt (dahi) and ice cream are some things we make with milk.

Some people eat the flesh of animals like chicken, goats, sheep, fish, prawns and crabs. They are called nonvegetarians. Those who do not eat the flesh of animals are called vegetarians.

The eggs we eat are mostly laid by hens. Some people eat the eggs of other birds such as ducks.

Honey is another thing we get from animals. Bees make honey from the juice of flowers.



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## Wool and silk come from animals

Wool is the soft hair on the body of sheep. It is used to make warm clothes.

All caterpillars make a case around themselves. The case is called a cocoon. Silk is made from the cocoon of a caterpillar called the silkworm.

Silkworms

Cocoons

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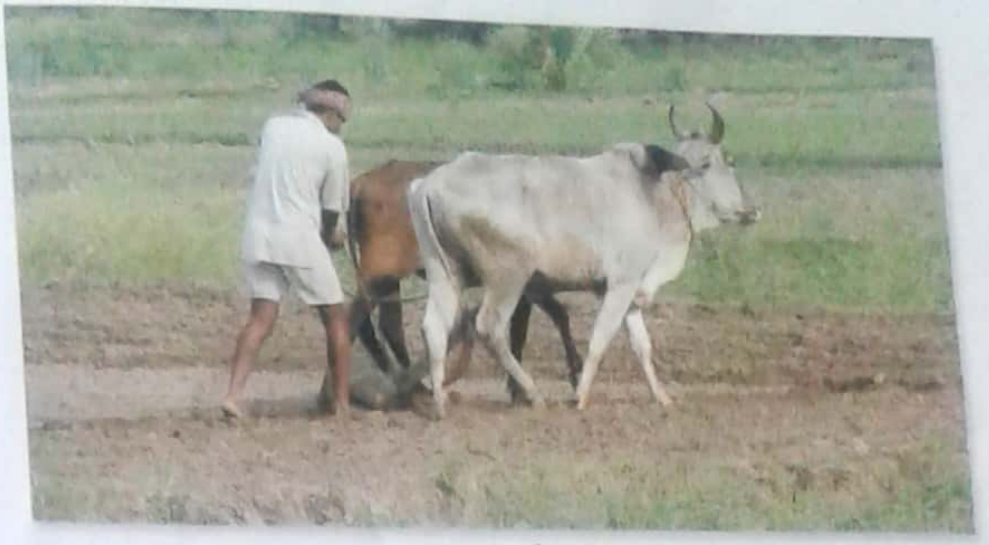
## Some animals work for us

Bullocks, buffaloes and camels are used to plough fields. (Ploughing means digging the soil.) They also pull carts that carry people and things. Donkeys, mules and ponies carry loads. Elephants are used to carry logs from forests.



## Leather comes from animals

Leather is used to make bags, shoes, purses, belts, wallets, and so on. It is made from the skin of animals.

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Dung cakes being dried

## Animal dung

The dung of animals is used as manure. Manure is added to the soil to make plants grow well. Dung is also made into cakes and dried. Dung cakes are used to light fires for cooking.

Alsatians make good guard dogs.

## Guard dogs

Dogs are used to guard houses and farms. They can be trained (taught) to bring home farm animals and to find people buried in the snow. The police train dogs to catch thieves. In some places dogs help blind people cross streets.

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A] Fill in the blanks.

1. People who eat the flesh of animals are called non vegetarians.
2. Silk is made from the cocoons of caterpillars.
3. Leather is made from the skin of animals.
4. Honey is made by bees.
5. Dung is used as manure to help plant grow.

B.] Match these.

| A | B |
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| 1. Eggs | Hen |
| 2. Milk | Cows |
| 3. Wool | Sheep |
| 4. Honey | Bees |
| 5. Silk | Silkworm |

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C). Mark the oddone.

1. One of these is a wild animal.

Cat Dog Horse (Tiger)

2. One of these does not help to carry loads.

Bullock Camel Donkey (Dog)

3. One of these does not give us food.

Chicken (Cat) Sheep Goat

~~4. One of these does not give us food.~~

4. One of these does not come from cows

(Egg) Paneer Butter Ice-cream

5. One of these gives milk.

Fish Prawn Crab (Goat)

6. One of these is not used for ploughing

Camel Bullock (Donkey) Buffalo

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