Related Books:

- Why Did the Farmer Cross the Road? by Brooke Herter James
- Cow Loves Cookies by Karma Wilson
- Millie and the Big Rescue by Alexander Steffensmeier
- Cock-a-doodle Oops! by Lori Degman
- Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin
- Big Red Barn Book by Margaret Wise Brown
- I Spy on the Farm by Edward Gibbs
- Mrs. Wishy-Washy’s Farm by Joy Cowley
- What the Ladybug Heard by Julia Donaldson
- Five Fuzzy Chicks by Diana Murray
- Down By the Barn by Will Hillenbrand
- This Little Pup by Laura Bryant

Rhymes:

“Over in the Barnyard”
Over in the barnyard
Early in the morning
See the yellow chickies
Standing in a row
See the busy farmer
Giving them their breakfast
Cheep, cheep, cheep, cheep
Off they go (remove finger puppet or use felt animals)
[Also, pink piggies and spotted cows]
Source: Teach-nology Farm Songs
“Five Clean Pigs”

Five pigs so squeaky clean
Cleanest you’ve ever seen
Wanted to go outside and play
Oink! Oink! (clap, clap)
One jumped into the mud
Landed with a great big thud
Then there were four clean squeaky pigs.

Source: Mel’s Desk
For printable pigs:

Open Up the Barn Door a folder story. Or create a spinning wheel story here.

Open up the barn door, the spring goes boink
There’s a pig in the barn saying oink, oink, oink
Open up the barn door before the clock strikes two
There’s a cow in the barn saying moo, moo, moo
Open up the barn door, it’s a sunny day
There’s a horse in the barn saying neigh, neigh, neigh
Open up the barn door singing tra-la-la
There’s a sheep in the barn saying baa, baa, baa
Open up the barn door, while the sky is blue
There’s a rooster in the barn saying cock-a-doodle-doo
Open up the barn door and don’t get off the track
There’s a duck in the barn saying quack, quack, quack

Songs:

Rooster’s feathers (Tune: Do You Know the Muffin Man) Place a rooster on the flannel board and explain that he has lost his feathers. Hand out different colored paper feathers to children. Then sing the following song:

Do you have a red feather,
A red feather, a red feather?
If you have a red feather,
Bring it up here now.
Repeat with other colors.
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Farm Sounds
(Tune: “The Wheels on the Bus”)

The cows in the barn go moo, moo, moo,
Moo, moo, moo, moo, moo, moo.
The cows in the barn go moo, moo, moo,
All around the farm.
Other verses:
… pigs in the pen go oink, oink, oink
… hens in the coop go cluck, cluck, cluck
… rooster on the fence goes cock-a-doodle-do
… ducks in the pond go quack, quack, quack
… lambs on the hill go baa, baa, baa
Source: The Learning Pad

Other music to share:

“Old McDonald”
From Old Town School of Folk Music’s album Songs for Wiggleworms

"I Know A Chicken"
From The best of the Laurie Berkner Band by Laurie Berkner

“Down on Grandpa’s farm”
From One Light, One Sun by Raffi

Activities:

Muddy Pig Craft – Print and cut out the pig template, glue down to a green piece of paper. Give each child a piece of sponge and brown paint and let them muddy the pig.

Paper bag farm animal puppets – Print out the farm animal heads, have children color them, practice their scissor skills by cutting them out and then attach the heads to paper bags. A great way to extend the learning by encouraging play at home.

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Farm animal cake walk – Print out pictures of six different farm animals (multiples of each so you can form a circle on the floor) and tape them to shapes or directly onto the floor. Put the same pictures into a changeable die. Play music and when you hit pause, whichever kid(s) are on the rolled animal is a winner (Of what? That’s up to you😊)