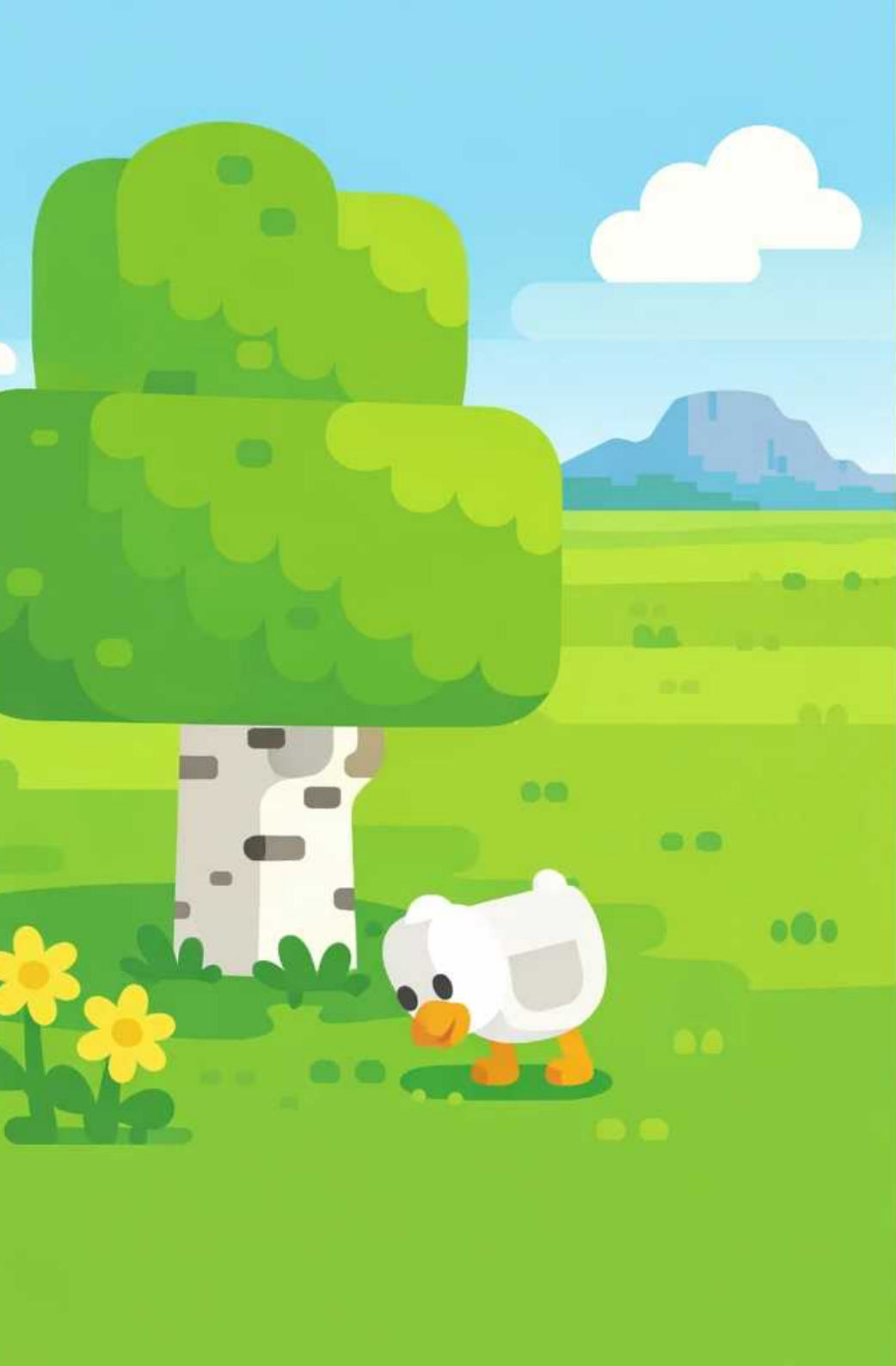


MINECRAFT ECOLOGY: PLAINS



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The plains are wide and flat, with green grass as far as you can see. Tall trees are rare here, so nothing blocks your view for a long way. You can look across to a **neighboring** hill in the blue distance. Small yellow flowers pop up near the grass. The plains are one of the most open biomes in all of Minecraft.

Many calm mobs live in the plains. Cows, pigs, chickens, and sheep all wander the grass. They graze side by side like good **neighbors**.

The cow rests in the cool shade of a tree, and the pig sniffs the dirt for a snack.

When you first start playing, the plains are one of the easiest places to find food.

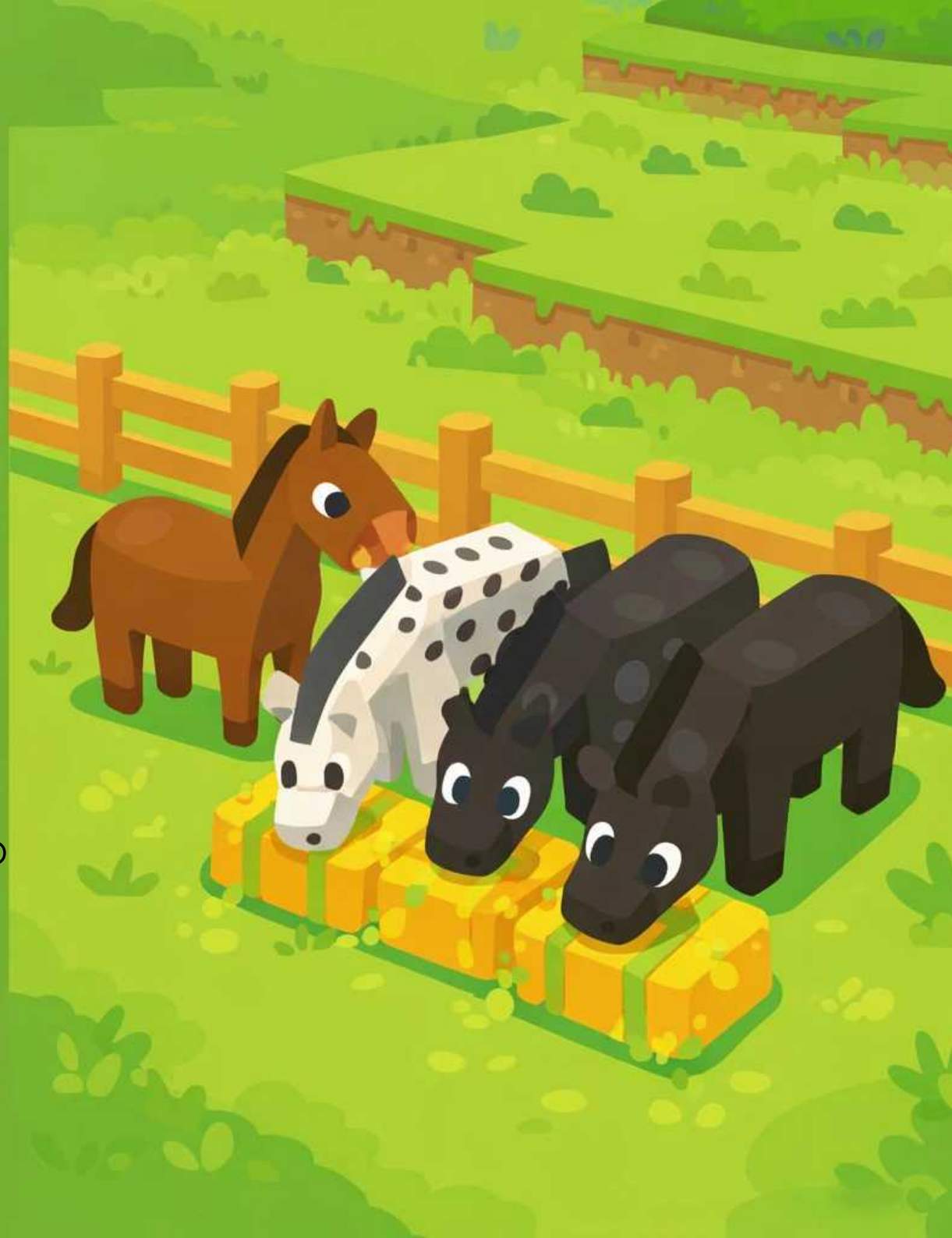


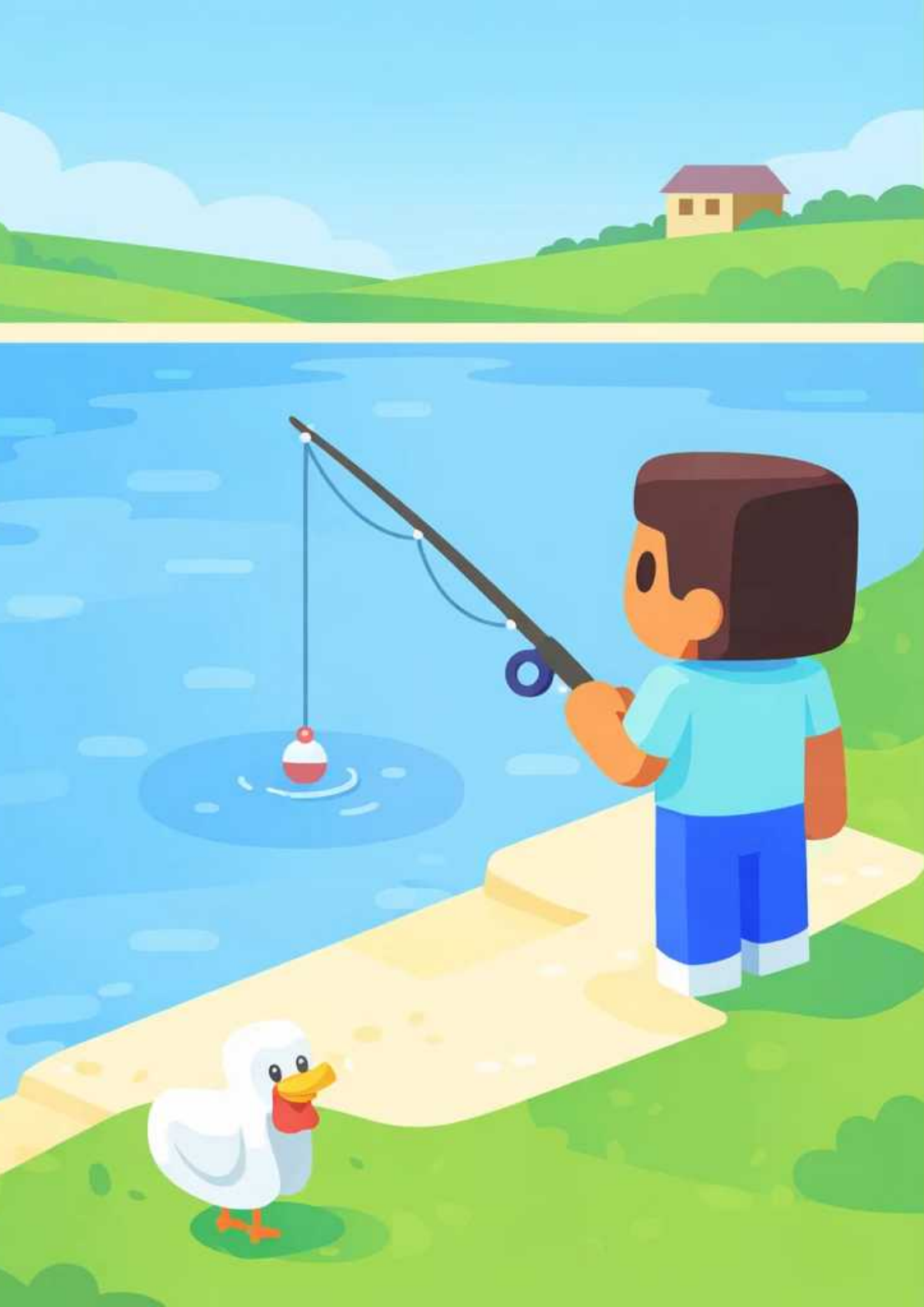


Cows, pigs, and chickens are some of the most common mobs in the plains. They can spawn in big groups all at once. Two black-and-white cows stand near the trees. Chickens peck at the ground, and a pink pig grazes on the grass. If you build a home in this **neighborhood**, you will never be far from a meal.



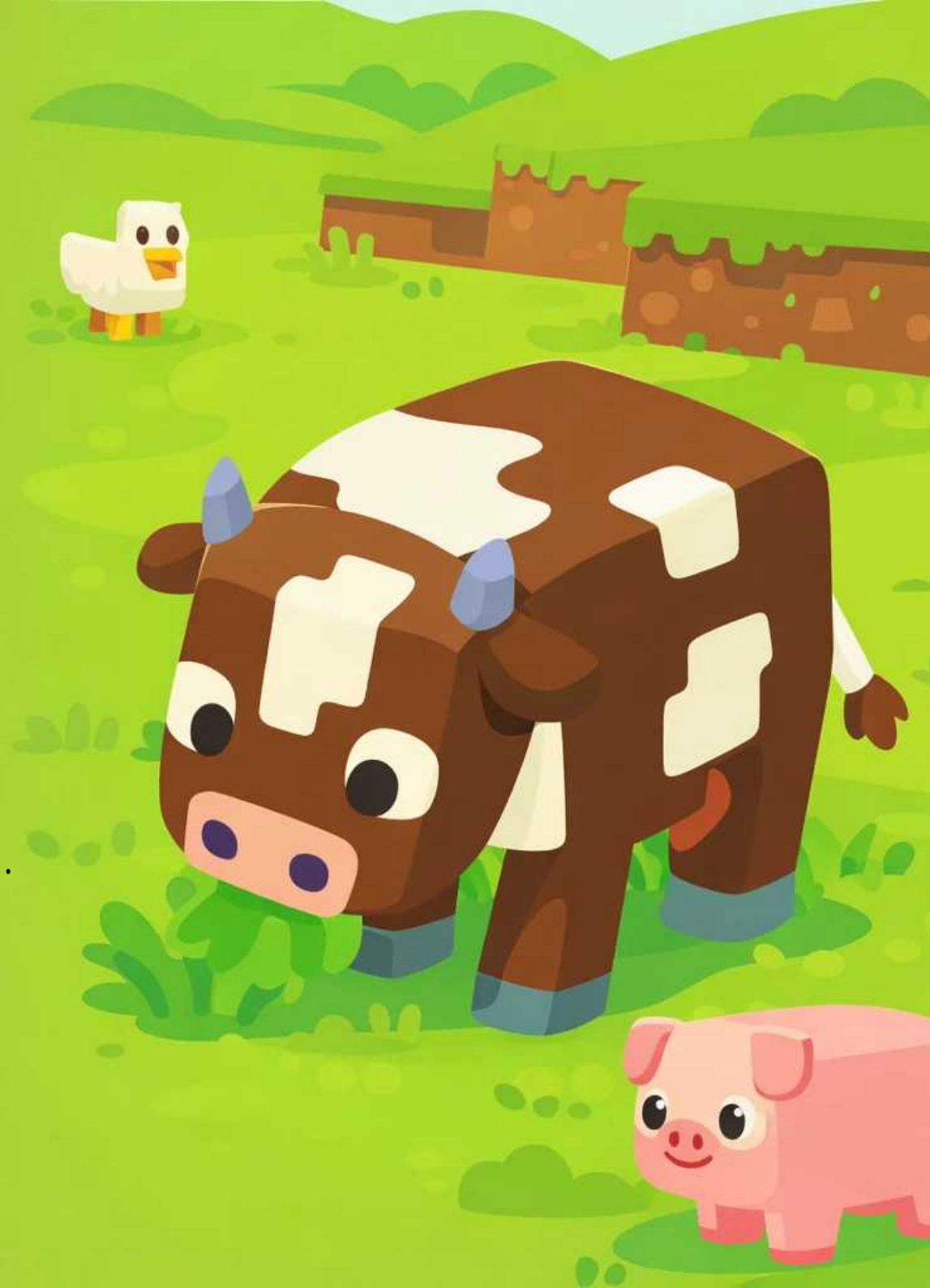
Horses are one of the special mobs that spawn in the plains. You might hear a loud **neigh** before you see them grazing near a fence. Some are brown, some are white with black spots, and some are dark black. You can tame a horse and ride it across the flat land. The plains are a great place to build a farm or a home because the flat ground makes everything easy.





Water lakes appear all across the plains, full of cod and salmon. Stand on the edge with a fishing rod and cast your line. Fishing is a great way to get food without having to chase animals around. A fat fish **weighs** more than you think. You will almost always catch something on your first try.

Most of the animals in the plains are passive mobs. They eat grass and wander slowly across the hills. They will not attack you unless you attack them first. A cow lowers its head to graze, while a pig stands nearby and a chicken pecks in the middle of the field. The mobs are **neighborly** and quiet, so the plains are a calm and safe place to explore.

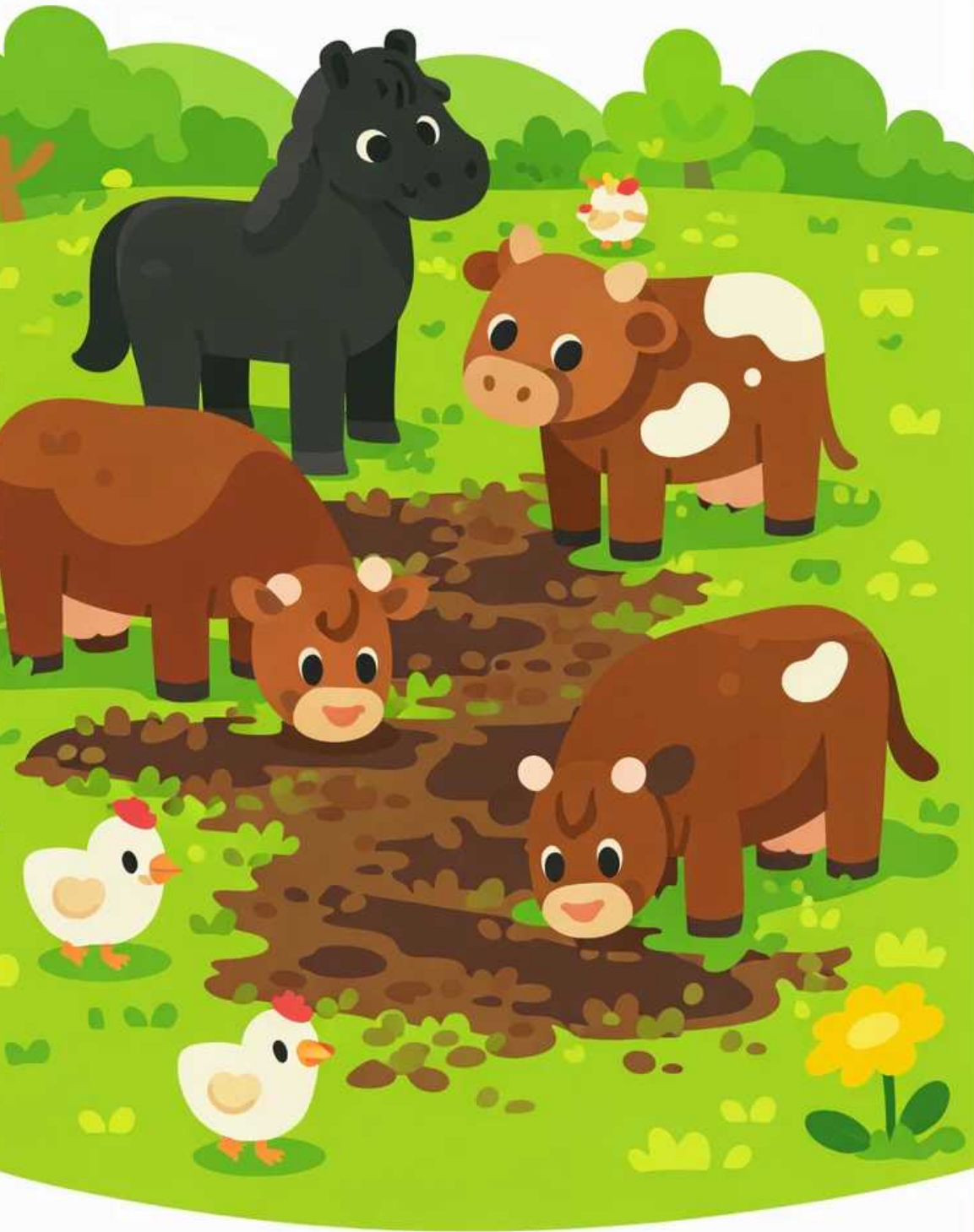




Some plains grow wide fields of bright sunflowers that always face the sun. You might spot **eighty** blooms in one field, bending gently in the breeze. Other plains are dotted with red, orange, and yellow wildflowers. All these splashes of color spread out across the grass. Pick the flowers and use them to make dyes in Minecraft.

In the real world, having too many animals in one area is a big problem. Their **weight** on the land adds up fast. When there are more animals than the land can feed, they eat all the grass. Without grass, the land turns into dry, bare dirt. You can see cracks form where the hooves have stamped over and over.





A large animal like a cow or horse is a real **heavyweight**, with big, heavy hooves. When they walk over the same ground many times, they pack the soil down and tear up the grass. You can see the torn-up trails in the dark dirt. A small chicken **weighs** much less. It causes much less damage to the land.

A good farmer knows how many animals the land can feed. Too many will destroy the very grass they need to live. The harm can **outweigh** the good. A smart farmer holds up some wheat and counts the cows in the pen. Farmers must balance their herds to keep the land healthy for everyone.





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Welcome to the wide, green plains of Minecraft, where the grass stretches out as far as you can see! Can you hear a horse neigh near the fence, or spot a cow grazing in the shade? Which peaceful mobs live in this sunny neighborhood, and why does a farmer need to balance the herd? This decodable reader practices the 'eigh' phonogram with words like 'eighty,' 'neigh,' 'weighs,' and 'outweigh.'

Reading Skills: <eigh>

eighty, heavyweight, neigh, neighborhood, neighboring, neighborly, neighbors, outweigh, weighs, weight

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