It seems like it has been raining forever, Annie! I know that rain is important for our plants to grow, but I'm ready to get outside.

Me too, Ben. Let's go on a secret adventure. We need a place to stay dry. How about the barn?

Look Annie, the plants are starting to grow!

I can't wait until fall when we can pick our vegetables. Don't tell my mom, but I think they are delicious!

My uncle comes in every morning to feed the animals. He makes sure they have fresh water, and I help clean their stalls when I am here.

That sounds like fun, Ben. The animals look like they are staying dry, just like us! Let's start our detective adventure. We can search around the barn and investigate all of these things!

Uncle Luke! We're glad you are here. We found some interesting things in the barn and we may need you to help us.

We've found some pretty cool things. Do you know what any of these are?

I think I know a few. But there are some new things here too.

We are detectives!

I would love to. These are all things I use to care for the animals!
This looks like a brush. I bet it is used to brush the horses!

Great job Detective Annie. I use this brush on the horses before and after we ride them. It helps keep their coat clean and their body healthy.

This is too big for the sheep and pigs, so it must be for the horses. What is it?

This is called a halter. We use halters on animals around the farm when we take them for a walk. It is like a collar for a dog. It helps keep the animal safe when we are moving them.

This looks like what my dad uses to shave his beard. But this is much bigger!

Good detective skills Annie. These are clippers just like your dad’s, but they are used to clip the wool on the sheep. Clipping the wool is called ‘shearing’, and we do this to keep the animals cool.

The box says ‘plumbing’, so I know this is for water. But what is this small piece?

That looks just like the water spout for my rabbit! I’ve seen these in the pig pen too.

That’s right Annie. We use these to get water into our pig pens. Some people call these “lick-its” because they let out water whenever the pig licks it!

Thanks for helping us on our detective adventure, Uncle Luke!

Looks like the sun is coming back out!

You are welcome Ben. I’m glad you discovered how farmers care for animals.