

# OVDDBA YOUTH

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It was awesome to see so many of you at the OVDDBA Christmas gathering! We all enjoyed games, tasty food, making crafts, winning prizes, and most of all: each other!

Don't forget to work on the youth winter project that is due by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

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## Farming and Football: What do they have in common?

2023 is here and Super Bowl LVII will be taking place before we know it! I'm guessing that you may not know that farming and football have a rich legacy together. We might even say that farming made football. From early uniforms to turf production to tailgating foods, farming has played an important role from the very beginning.



The days of making jerseys from the wool of sheep is long past, but there is a very important item that is used in modern football that comes from a farm animal. Can you guess what it is? It's a football! Surprisingly enough, though footballs are thought to be made of pigskin, they are actually made of cowhide.

Wilson Football, the official manufacturer of NFL balls, handmakes approximately 4,000 footballs each day or 700,000 footballs annually in Ada, Ohio. That's a lot of cow hides! Though not confirmed, it has been said that a Super Bowl game requires 216 footballs.


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One cowhide produces up to 20 footballs.

So why is it called pigskin?


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Footballs were originally made from the bladders of pigs. When the pigs were butchered for meat, the bladder was inflated into a small ball. I won't ask how they inflated their ball. 🤪