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Salmonella is responsible for 1.4 million cases of foodborne illness each year in the United States. It is a straight, rod-shaped bacterium about 12 times smaller than a grain of sand. *Salmonella* has up to five whip-like tails that help it move. It can be found in the droppings of birds, lizards, turtles, and other animals. It also lives in raw and undercooked eggs or meat and on fruits and vegetables. You can stop *Salmonella* by only eating food that is clean and fully cooked and by washing your hands after handling baby chicks and reptiles.

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