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Storey's Guide to Raising Pigs, 4th Edition Kelly Klover 2018-12-25 Stressing the importance of sustainable and environmentally friendly farming practices, farmer Kelly Klover provides expert advice on making any size hog operation more efficient and profitable in Storey's Guide to Raising Pigs. The most comprehensive book available on the topic, this 4th edition features the most up-to-date practices, illustrated with color photography. Both beginners and experienced farmers will find all the information they need to select, house, care for, breed, and butcher pigs, along with marketing advice.

The Backyard Homestead Guide to Raising Farm Animals Gail Damerow 2011-03-23 Enjoy a weekend breakfast featuring eggs, bacon, and honey from your own chickens, pigs, and bees, or a holiday meal with your own heritage-breed turkey as the main attraction. Gail Damerow covers everything you need to successfully raise your own farm animals, from selecting the right breeds to producing delicious fresh milk, cheese, honey, eggs, and meat. Even with just a small plot of land, you can become more self-sufficient, save money, and enjoy healthy, delicious animal products.

Storey's Guide to Raising Sheep, 5th Edition Paula Simmons 2019-06-25 Storey's Guide to Raising Sheep is the best-selling, most trusted reference for farmers and backyard homesteaders with any size flock. The fifth edition is now updated with full-color illustrations and photographs throughout, including a gallery of the best breed choices for both meat and fiber. With their small size and gentle dispositions, sheep are one of the easier livestock species to raise and offer varied marketing opportunities, including meat, wool, and milk. Detailed instructions and graphics lead readers through every essential procedure, including shearing, building a lambing shed, breeding and lambing, butchering, and marketing.

Storey's Illustrated Breed Guide to Sheep, Goats, Cattle and Pigs Carol Ekarius 2015 From the large-tailed Karakul sheep to the floppy-eared Gloucestershire Old Spot pig, North America is home to an extraordinary array of livestock. Comprehensive, colorful, and captivating, Storey's Illustrated Breed Guide to Sheep, Goats, Cattle, and Pigs features full-color profiles of 163 livestock breeds. Whether you're looking for a gentle domestic backyard animal or are hoping to introduce a rare heritage breed on your farm, you're sure to find an animal that's perfect for your needs.

Raising Goats For Dummies Cheryl K. Smith 2021-02-08 No buts: discover the addictive joy of raising goats Goats are amazing, multi-talented creatures that have been domesticated for over 10,000 years. As well as being a source of food, clothes, and milk, they're wonderful companions: cute, intelligent, and playful—and often as friendly and attentive as dogs. In addition, they make endearing noises and—according to ancient Ethiopian legend—discovered coffee. So what's holding you back? The new edition of Raising Goats For Dummies rebuts all your excuses, and shows you why having one—or, actually, a few—of these companionable ruminants (cud-chewing animals) in your life will bring you great joy, and, if you choose, unbeatable homemade milk and cheese—and possibly a cozy new sweater. A happy goat aficionado since 1998, Cheryl K. Smith takes you from the grassroots of raising your goat—choosing and buying the breed you want, building and maintaining goat-friendly housing—to more elevated terrain, including how to build your own milk stand, participate in online goat shows (it's a thing!), and even monetize your goat. You'll also learn the fundamentals of proper care to make sure your goats are fed, kept healthy, and bred in ways that ensure they have the happiest life you can provide. Study the history and breeds of goat, like the Nigerian Dwarf or Pygmy Live sustainably from and even profit from your goat Identify and alleviate common ailments

Have fun raising the kids! Whether you're researching buying a goat or learning on the hoof about the ones you have, this book has everything you need to see why getting your goat will bring years and years of joy. **The Backyard Sheep** Sue Weaver 2013-07-05 Raise a flock of sheep in your backyard. Even with a limited amount of space, you can enjoy homegrown fleece and fresh milk, as well as the endearing company of these family-friendly animals. Sue Weaver provides all the instructions you need for selecting a breed; housing and feeding; harvesting fleece; and milking. With simple recipes for making cheese and yogurt, and tips on processing fleece for wool, you'll enjoy the varied and numerous rewards of keeping sheep.

Raising Goats Naturally, 2nd Edition Deborah Niemann 2018-09-11 Produce your own milk, cheese, meat, fiber, fertilizer, and more Incorporating dairy goats into a diversified homestead can be the key to greater self-sufficiency. Responding to questions and concerns from readers from all over North America and beyond, this fully revised and expanded edition of Raising Goats Naturally will help readers work with nature to raise dairy goats to produce milk, cheese, meat, fertilizer, leather, fiber, and soap – all without relying on drugs or following the factory farm model. By observing your own animals closely and educating yourself about their specific needs, you can create an individualized plan for keeping them healthy and maximizing their productivity. This unique, fully-illustrated guide will teach you to help your herd thrive with: Breed-specific descriptions to help you choose the right goats for your goals and lifestyle Detailed information on housing, fencing, breeding, health, milking, and nutrition Complete recipes and instructions for making your own cheese, dairy products, and soap, as well as cooking with goat meat. Packed with personal experiences and backed up by expert veterinary advice and scientific studies, Raising Goats Naturally brings together a wealth of practical information on raising goats for the love of it and using their milk and meat to become more self-reliant.

Storey's Guide to Raising Turkeys, 3rd Edition Don Schrider 2013-01-29 Turkeys are an excellent source of succulent meat, rich eggs, and nutrient-dense manure, and raising them is a rewarding and profitable activity for many farmers. With helpful tips on acquiring organic certification, processing both meat and eggs, and marketing your products, you'll have all the information you need to successfully raise your own healthy and productive turkeys.

Sustainable Market Farming Pam Dawling 2013-02-01 Growing for 100 - the complete year-round guide for the small-scale market grower. Across North America, an agricultural renaissance is unfolding. A growing number of market gardeners are emerging to feed our appetite for organic, regional produce. But most of the available resources on food production are aimed at the backyard or hobby gardener who wants to supplement their family's diet with a few homegrown fruits and vegetables. Targeted at serious growers in every climate zone, Sustainable Market Farming is a comprehensive manual for small-scale farmers raising organic crops sustainably on a few acres. Informed by the author's extensive experience growing a wide variety of fresh, organic vegetables and fruit to feed the approximately one hundred members of Twin Oaks Community in central Virginia, this practical guide provides: Detailed profiles of a full range of crops, addressing sowing, cultivation, rotation, succession, common pests and diseases, and harvest and storage Information about new, efficient techniques, season extension, and disease resistant varieties Farm-specific business skills to help ensure a successful, profitable enterprise Whether you are a beginning market grower or an established enterprise seeking to improve your skills, Sustainable Market Farming is an invaluable resource and a timely book for the maturing local agriculture movement. Pam Dawling is a contributing

editor with Growing for Market magazine. An avid vegetable grower, she has been farming as a member of Twin Oaks Community in central Virginia for over twenty years, where she helps grow food for around one hundred people on three and a half acres, and provides training in sustainable vegetable production.

Storey's Guide to Raising Sheep Paula Simmons 2001 Presents tips on choosing breeds, feeding, housing, breeding, lambing, and health care for raising sheep.

Raising Meat Goats for Profit Gail B. Bowman 1999 A wonderful resource for goat breeders, *Raising Meat Goats for Profit* includes Information about the Meat Breeds, How to get started with meat production, Easy to use feed ration tables, Real advice for new breeders, Kidding and Raising Kids, How to sell your goats, Up-to-date informations about health and diseases, Recipe book, 250 pages of user friendly information!

Backyard Farming: Raising Goats Kim Pezza 2013-11-26 *Backyard Farming: Raising Goats* is the ideal resource for the new farmer just starting out, providing a comprehensive guide for preparing and caring for the addition of goats to your backyard farm! *Backyard Farming: Raising Goats* is the perfect guide for beginners thinking about including goats to their sustainable homestead. Covering every topic from selecting and maintaining a breed, to the tools and space you'll need, to all the wonderful benefits that owning goats can provide, *Backyard Farming: Raising Goats* includes all that you need to know to get the most out of your new herd. Including time-tested tips and tricks used by expert farmers, this invaluable resource is a must-have for anyone looking to raise goats at home! EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO GET STARTED. Covering topics from selecting the perfect breed for your space and time requirements, to milking and culling your herd, to preparing for and raising the next generation of kids, *Backyard Farming: Raising Goats* is the all-in-one guide for the aspiring home goatherd. EASY TO FOLLOW, EASY TO UNDERSTAND. Written in simple, informative language, complete with numerous illustrations of proper techniques and housing set-ups, *Backyard Farming: Raising Goats* is written with first-time goatherds in mind. A GREAT ADDITION TO ANY BACKYARD FARM. The benefits of owning goats range widely: goat's milk, meat, even goat hair has its uses and markets. Easier to care for than sheep and lots of fun besides, *Backyard Farming: Raising Goats* is the perfect first step to adding livestock to your farming experience! The *Backyard Farming* series offers easy-to-use guides to help first-time farmers and homesteaders experience the satisfaction that comes from producing their own food. Rural areas with acres of land, suburban neighborhoods with small backyards, or urban environments with limited space--no matter what your situation, these books are tailored to your unique needs and resources. Each volume in this series is dedicated to a particular topic in backyard farming, whether you're planning to grow food for your family or for sale at your local farmers market. Featuring simple instructions and helpful illustrations, the *Backyard Farming* series empowers you and your family to enjoy the freshest ingredients possible--direct from your own backyard!

Storey's Guide to Growing Organic Orchard Fruits Danny L. Barney 2013-03-22 Danny Barney covers everything you need to know to successfully grow and market your own organic orchard fruits. Offering expert tips on selecting the right site, choosing the best cultivars, designing and maintaining a sustainable orchard, and efficiently harvesting fruit, Barney also helps you develop a viable business plan, acquire necessary organic certifications, and identify niche markets for your products.

Storey's Guide to Raising Miniature Livestock Sue Weaver 2010-01-01 Guides you through choosing, caring for, training, and breeding mini horses, donkeys, mules, pigs, cattle, sheep, goats, and llamas.

Storey's Guide to Raising Dairy Goats, 5th Edition Jerry Belanger 2018-02-06 This best-selling handbook is packed with detailed information on housing, feeding, and fencing dairy goats. It's been the trusted resource on the topic for farmers and homesteaders since it was originally published in 1975, and the new edition — completely updated and redesigned — makes Storey's Guide to Raising Dairy Goats more comprehensive and accessible than ever. In-depth sections explain every aspect of milking, including necessary equipment, proper hand-milking techniques, and handling and storing the milk. New color illustrations show each stage of kidding, and substantial chapters on dairy goat health and breeding include the most up-to-date research and practices.

Raising Meat Goats in a Commercial Operation Greg Christiansen 2012-09-01 This book is just what the goat industry needs if it is ever going to make the leap from being a backyard hobby operation to becoming a legitimate food animal production industry. While there are many books about raising meat goats available, this one is different in that it is the only book that addresses how to manage meat goats on a

commercial scale. Author Greg Christiansen draws on his years of experience in raising meat goats on a commercial scale to explain the principles of managing meat goats as a viable farm business. Greg tells you how to breed does that are capable of working for you and the necessary management to enable the does to do their job. He has excellent sections on fencing goats, working facilities for goats, protecting goats from predators, wintering goats and many other subjects necessary for raising meat goats. This is the most practical how-to book with real life examples of making management decisions to solve problems I've seen. For the producer seeking to raise goats on a commercial scale, this is the only book available with the necessary information and it will be the best money you ever invested in your goat business. Dr. Steve Hart Goat Extension Specialist Langston University Langston, OK.

Storey's Barn Guide to Sheep Deborah Burns 2006-01-01 Raising sheep involves far more than choosing the perfect breed and training a herding dog. The successful sheep farmer must know how to maintain his animals' health and solve daily crises, large and small. Designed to accompany the farmer into the barn, Storey's Barn Guide to Sheep provides clear, step-by-step help, visible from several feet away. Oversized, heavy-duty pages illustrate dozens of procedures with simple, straightforward illustrations. A nail hole at the top of each page enables the farmer to open to the needed instructions, hang the book on a barn wall, and refer to the step-by-step illustrations throughout every procedure. Graphic presentations guide farmers through trimming hooves, administering injections, assisting with lambing, bottle feeding, milking, shearing, and every other situation that might arise during the normal course of a sheep's life. In addition to the procedural information, the book also features full-color anatomical illustrations, a lambing calendar, a feeding chart, and a helpful record-keeping section. Guiding farmers through the ups and downs of sheep care, Storey's Barn Guide to Sheep will be a trusted companion and an invaluable practical resource.

Storey's Guide to Raising Meat Goats Maggie Sayer 2010-01-01 Goat meat production is the fastest growing segment of U.S. agriculture, and an estimated 70 percent of all meat consumed globally is from goats. Storey's Guide to Raising Meat Goats is the essential reference on raising, caring for, and marketing meat goats. This updated edition gives caprine producers the vital information they need to start a meat-goat business or expand their current operation.

Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens Gail Damerow 1995-01-01 Expert advice on selecting breeds, caring for chicks, producing eggs, raising broilers, feeding, troubleshooting, and much more.

Lunch Money Andrew Clements 2012-04-17 Meet Greg Kenton, billionaire in the making. Greg Kenton has two obsessions -- making money and his long-standing competition with his annoying neighbor, Maura Shaw. So when Greg discovers that Maura is cutting into his booming Chunky Comics business with her own original illustrated minibooks, he's ready to declare war. The problem is, Greg has to admit that Maura's books are good, and soon the longtime enemies become unlikely business partners. But their budding partnership is threatened when the principal bans the sale of their comics in school. Suddenly, the two former rivals find themselves united against an adversary tougher than they ever were to each other. Will their enterprise -- and their friendship -- prevail?

Farming Meat Goats Barbara Vincent 2018-05-01 Goat meat is growing in popularity in Australia and is also an important export industry. It offers many opportunities for large- and small-scale farmers who need to diversify or seek alternative enterprises. *Farming Meat Goats* provides producers with comprehensive and practical information on all aspects of the goat meat industry. It covers selecting and preparing a property, choosing breeding stock, breeding, health care and nutrition, drought feeding, condition scoring and marketing. This second edition of *Farming Meat Goats* has been updated throughout and contains new information about the National Livestock Identification System, current regulations for ovine Johne's disease and animal welfare during transportation, and information about marketing. It will allow farmers to produce animals to specification for targeted markets in Australia and overseas including: butchers; supermarkets; restaurants; on-farm live sales; sales to abattoirs that specialise in Halal kills; and breeding stock either as replacements or for improved herd genetics.

Holistic Goat Care Gianacis Caldwell 2017 "In *Holistic Goat Care*, Caldwell offers readers a comprehensive guide to maintaining a healthy herd of goats, whether they are dairy goats, meat goats, fiber goats, or pet goats. [This book] will empower even novice goat owners to confidently diagnose and treat most of the ailments that goats might experience. For the experienced goat farmer, the book offers a depth of insight

and approaches to treatment not found in any other book"--

Storey's Guide to Raising Beef Cattle Heather Smith Thomas 2009 Presents an overview on beef cattle, and offers advice on buying, raising, caring, marketing, and selling them.

The Chicken Encyclopedia Gail Damerow 2012-01-31 From addled to wind egg and crossed beak to zygote, the terminology of everything chicken is demystified in The Chicken Encyclopedia. Complete with breed descriptions, common medical concerns, and plenty of chicken trivia, this illustrated A-to-Z reference guide is both informative and entertaining. Covering tail types, breeding, molting, communication, and much more, Gail Damerow provides answers to all of your chicken questions and quandaries. Even seasoned chicken farmers are sure to discover new information about the multifaceted world of these fascinating birds.

Storey's Guide to Raising Rabbits, 5th Edition Bob Bennett 2018-07-10 The fifth edition of this best-selling handbook features the same detailed approach that has made it the trusted source for raising healthy, productive rabbits — plus a total redesign with color photos and graphics. Whether you're interested in raising rabbits for show, meat, fur, or as pets, this comprehensive guide offers expert advice on breed selection, housing, feeding, humane handling, and more. In addition, author Bob Bennett includes the most up-to-date information on preventive health care, treating diseases, marketing, and showing. This publication conforms to the EPUB Accessibility specification at WCAG 2.0 Level AA.

Storey's Guide to Raising Ducks, 2nd Edition Dave Holderread 2011-01-19 With in-depth information on feeding, housing, behavior, and health care, this comprehensive guide also provides proven strategies for creating a profitable business plan and marketing your products. Whether you're about to acquire your first ducks or are interested in experimenting with rare breeds, Storey's Guide to Raising Ducks will help you achieve your duck-raising goals.

Storey's Guide to Raising Horses, 3rd Edition Heather Smith Thomas 2021-02-16 Now in full color, the third edition of the best-selling Storey's Guide to Raising Horses features the most up-to-date information on every aspect of housing, pasturing, breeding, and health.

Essential Guide to Calving Heather Smith Thomas 2008-01-01 Every cattle farmer — from the keeper of a family milk cow to the rancher overseeing a large herd — will gain confidence and control by becoming more knowledgeable about calving. Healthy pregnancies, safe births, and thriving calves are critical to every cattle operation, and in remote farm locations, the veterinarian is not always readily available. Even if the vet is nearby, the farm's finances will be healthier if the farmer can oversee most of the calving process. Heather Smith Thomas, an expert on livestock with decades of firsthand experience, covers every routine situation likely to arise before, during, and after calving. And when the calving process is out of the ordinary, Thomas guides the farmer through pregnancy problems, difficult deliveries, recognizing when to call in a vet, and postpartum complications. Her thorough coverage of what to expect in every situation gives farmers the knowledge they need to care personally for their cows. The second half of the book is dedicated to ensuring that every calf gets off to a healthy start. Thomas helps farmers work with cows reluctant to nurse, substitute mothers, and frail calves. A complete chapter on calfhood illnesses explains warning signs and offers tips on prevention and treatment. As people return to farming in growing numbers, the demand for safe, humane livestock knowledge continues to increase. Farmers will turn to this reliable volume again and again as they welcome each new calf.

How to Raise Goats Carol Amundson 2009-04-15 Written by an authority on goat breeding and behaviour, this approachable guide covers every component of raising goats for fun and profit, meat and milk.

Storey's Guide to Raising - Rabbits Bob Bennett 2009-01-01 Presents an overview on rabbits, and offers advice on buying, raising, caring, marketing, and showing them.

The Whole Goat Handbook Janet Hurst 2013-01-14 Goats are the hottest animal today to raise for hobby farmers, commercial farmers, and members of both 4-H and FFA. But using the product from a goat requires special skills, handling, and recipes. Here's The Whole Goat Handbook, chock full of recipes, crafting projects, advice, and more. Cooking with goat meat requires special, adapted recipes because the meat is so strong in flavor; there's no devoted goat-meat cookbook on the market until now! Here as well are recipes for making cheese with goat milk as well as goat-milk soap. And for those raising goats for fiber, here are hard-won recommendations on crafting, knitting, and weaving. This book will show you how to do all this and more.

The Meat Goat Handbook Yvonne Zweede-Tucker 2012-01-15 DIV Longtime goat rancher Yvonne Zweede-Tucker draws on twenty years of hands-on experience to help you raise your own meat goats. Illustrated throughout with color photography, this instructive handbook includes advice about breeds, feeding, housing, safety, health, kidding, butchering, and selling product. Included is a glossary and a resources appendix. Essential reading for every meat goat owner! /div

Butchering Poultry, Rabbit, Lamb, Goat, and Pork Adam Danforth 2014-03-11 Slaughter and butcher your own animals safely and humanely with this award-winning guide. Providing detailed photography of every step of the process, Adam Danforth shows you everything you need to know to butcher poultry, rabbit, lamb, goat, and pork. Learn how to create the proper slaughtering conditions, break the meat down, and produce flavorful cuts of meat. Stressing proper food safety at all times, Danforth provides expert advice on necessary tools and helpful tips on freezing and packaging. Enjoy the delicious satisfaction that comes with butchering your own meat.

Raising Goats Naturally Deborah Niemann 2013-10-01 Complete self-sufficiency may seem out of reach, but for more and more of us, increasing our self-reliance as much as possible is the order of the day. Incorporating dairy goats as the centerpiece of a diversified homestead can be the key to achieving this goal, and Raising Goats Naturally will show you how. By working with nature, you can raise dairy goats and produce your own milk, cheese, meat, fertilizer, leather, fiber, and soap - all without relying on drugs or following the factory farm model. By observing your own animals closely and educating yourself about their specific needs, you can create an individualized plan for keeping them healthy and maximizing their productivity. This unique, fully-illustrated guide will teach you to help your herd thrive with: breed-specific descriptions to help you choose the right goats for your goals and lifestyle detailed information on housing, fencing, breeding, health, milking, and nutrition complete recipes and instructions for making your own cheese, dairy products, and soap, as well as cooking with goat meat. Packed with personal experiences backed up by expert veterinary advice and scientific studies, Raising Goats Naturally brings together a wealth of practical information on raising goats for the love of it and using their milk and meat to become more self-reliant.

Boer Goats as Pets. Boer Goats George Hoppendale 2014-05-02 Boer Goats as Pets. Boer Goats: facts and information. Raising, breeding, housing, milking, training, diet, daily care and health all included. Growing up with animals, I have learnt so much about taking care of them. The most amazing thing about pets is the fact that they are so unconditional and so grateful for every small act of kindness. It is rather humbling to see how warm hearted animals can actually be. I would have never had the wonderful opportunity of dealing with goats and other animals, if it had not been for my family, especially my father. Animals were the centre of all our activities when I grew up. There was not a single day that did not begin with a discussion about our pets. What to feed them? What is the most nutritious thing to feed them? These were common dinner table conversations in our house. So, needless to say, I have had a lot of practical training with respect to taking care of different breeds of animals. Today, I am in a very privileged place where I can share this information with pet lovers across the globe. I love my boer goats. They make me laugh every day: their silly attitude, their "smile," the great times we have when I practice their training. They are, in my opinion, seriously amusing animals. Not to mention the tasteful milk I enjoy from them. In this book, I've explained my experience with my boer goats. I've included all these topics and more: raising, keeping, costs, milking, bonding, training, play and enrichment, food, care, health and where to buy. I explain all aspects of keeping boer goats to make sure that your boer goats will be as happy as mine! Mine are funny, I hope yours will be funny too!

Homegrown Pork Sue Weaver 2013-01-01 A livestock expert shows readers how to raise a pig safely and humanely in one's own backyard, covering such topics as selecting a breed with great flavor, feeding, housing, fencing, health care and humane processing. Original.

Storey's Guide to Raising Dairy Goats Jerome D. Belanger 2010-01-01 From the Back Cover: Minimal space and housing needs make goats a practical choice for small or backyard dairy farmers, and Storey's Guide to Raising Dairy Goats is the one book farmers need to raise healthy, productive animals. This comprehensive and reassuring guide includes complete instructions for turning your goat milk into profitable cheese, yogurt, kefir, and butter. The revised and updated fourth edition includes: Updated information on

disease diagnosis and treatment; Tips on choosing pygmy breeds; Expanded coverage of breeding, kidding, and raising kids; More information on milking, dairying, and cheesemaking; Expanded resource section.

Hobby Farm Animals Sue Weaver 2015-04-21 Eggs, meat, milk, wool, fur, feathers, and some priceless bucolic bliss. No hobby farm is complete without critters; possibly a small herd peppering the field or a microflock flapping around the hen house or pond. A single information-packed volume with everything a hobby farmer needs to know about farm animals, this new comprehensive manual to selecting, caring for, and breeding livestock brings forth the expertise of six hobby farmers, each of whom has real-life on-the-farm experience with the animals she discusses. Whether you're contemplating adding a small herd of sheep or goats to your existing hobby farm or you've always wondered about the benefits of raising angora rabbits or Muscovy ducks, *Livestock for Your Hobby Farm* provides the kind of guidance you need to begin a herd or flock and expand your pens and fencing. With exhaustive detail, the authors offer complete coverage of chickens, ducks, goats, sheep, cattle, pigs, and rabbits, including the housing, health-care, special needs, advantages and challenges of each.-Extensive sections devoted to the seven major farm animals, including profiles of the most popular breeds and varieties-Detailed how-to chapters on the care, handling, feeding, health, and safety of each animal-Special chapters devoted to the breeding and raising of young animals-Recommendations for ways of capitalizing on your livestock's output, from selling eggs, milk, fiber, and so forth-Tips for troubleshooting potential problems and warding off diseases, parasites, and predators

The New Livestock Farmer Rebecca Thistlethwaite 2015-06-09 Including information on cattle, pigs, poultry, sheep, and goats, and exotics like bison, rabbits, elk, and deer How can anyone from a backyard hobbyist to a large-scale rancher go about raising and selling ethically produced meats directly to consumers, restaurants, and butcher shops? With the rising consumer interest in grass-fed, pasture-raised, and antibiotic-free meats, how can farmers most effectively tap into those markets and become more profitable? The regulations and logistics can be daunting enough to turn away most would-be livestock farmers, and finding and keeping their customers challenges the rest. Farmer, consultant, and author Rebecca Thistlethwaite (*Farms with a Future*) and her husband and coauthor, Jim Dunlop, both have extensive experience raising a variety of pastured livestock in California and now on their homestead farm in Oregon. *The New Livestock Farmer* provides pasture-based production essentials for a wide range of animals, from common farm animals (cattle, poultry, pigs, sheep, and goats) to more exotic species (bison, rabbits, elk, and

deer). Each species chapter discusses the unique requirements of that animal, then delves into the steps it takes to prepare and get them to market. Profiles of more than fifteen meat producers highlight some of the creative ways these innovative farmers are raising animals and direct-marketing superior-quality meats. In addition, the book contains information on a variety of vital topics: • Governmental regulations and how they differ from state to state; • Slaughtering and butchering logistics, including on-farm and mobile processing options and sample cutting sheets; • Packaging, labeling, and cold-storage considerations; • Principled marketing practices; and • Financial management, pricing, and other business essentials. This book is must reading for anyone who is serious about raising meat animals ethically, outside of the current consolidated, unsustainable CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) system. It offers a clear, thorough, well-organized guide to a subject that will become increasingly important as the market demand for pasture-raised meat grows stronger.

Backyard Farming: Keeping Honey Bees Kim Pezza 2013-08-27 Your Backyard Farming Experience Begins Here! Make beekeeping a part of your backyard farming experience: enjoy honey, beeswax and a more fruitful garden, as your bees will work as hard as you do to make your backyard farm a success! *Backyard Farming: Keeping Honey Bees* is your guide to successfully caring for your hive. As a comprehensive primer for first-time beekeepers, *Keeping Honey Bees* includes detailed illustrations and informative photographs that help to ease new homesteaders into the world of backyard beekeeping. *Keeping Honey Bees* takes you from start to finish: from planning out your bees' space in the yard and constructing/installing your hives, to feeding and nurturing your new colony, to enjoying your very own golden honey and more. With *Keeping Honey Bees*, you will: • Learn the proper use of the equipment necessary to make your beekeeping a success • Construct the perfect apiary to minimize your workload and ensure a productive colony • Gather honey and beeswax for profit, or to include in your own self-sufficiency plan • Use the freshest, fullest honey possible in a variety of delicious recipes ...and many more tips and tricks from experienced farmers to help you avoid the most common pitfalls you might encounter. *Keeping Honey Bees* is your first big step to joining the growing movement of homemakers and homesteaders looking to make a return to a healthier, happier way of life—and it starts right in your own backyard. *Backyard Farming* is a series of easy-to-use guides to help urban, suburban, and rural dwellers turn their homes into homesteads. Whether planning to grow food for the family or for sale at the local farmers market, *Backyard Farming* provides simple instruction and essential information in a convenient reference.