

Pastured Poultry Profit

Just like houses, chicken coops come in all shapes and sizes. Judy Pangman presents how-to drawings and conceptual plans for 45 coops—from the strictly practical to flights of fancy—guaranteed to meet the needs of every bird owner, however big or small your flock may be. Color photographs and innovative suggestions fill this encouraging guide, while lively anecdotes profile an array of coop builders and their various construction methods. Start building the coop of your chickens’ dreams!

An accessible, practical resource for pasture-based rabbit production—complete with rabbit husbandry basics, enterprise budgets, and guidelines for growing, processing and selling rabbits commercially. In recent years, there has been talk in the food world that rabbits make more sense than chicken. In a country with a \$41 billion broiler chicken industry, this might seem like a pretty bold statement, but it’s hardly unsubstantiated. And yet while media has been abuzz about the supposed super protein, very few farmers are stepping up to meet the rapidly increasing interest in sustainably raised rabbit meat. This is partly due to the lack of available resources in the field of rabbit husbandry. Raising Pastured Rabbits for Meat is the first book to address the growing trend of ecological rabbit husbandry for the beginning to market-scale farmer. Inspired by Daniel Salatin, who has long been considered the pioneer in integrated rabbit farming, Nichki Carangelo proves that a viable pasture-based rabbitry is not only possible and user-friendly, it’s also profitable. In Carangelo’s approach, happy, healthy rabbits are seasonally raised outside on pasture, using a pasture and wire hybrid system that promotes natural behaviors and a diverse diet, while effectively managing the associated risks. Raising Pastured Rabbits for Meat offers valuable information on how farmers can build their own rabbit enterprise from scratch and includes tips on breed selection, breeding techniques, nutrition guidelines, record keeping tools, slaughtering and butchering instructions, marketing advice, and enterprise guides to help farmers plan for profitability. This is an essential guide for anyone interested in integrating rabbits onto a diversified farm or homestead. This book is a practical guide to help you stay out from synthetic drugs while maximizing the benefits of herbs, roots, and spices around you. It’s content can help you go 100% Organic in raising organic chickens.If for any reason you cannot go 100% organic, the book will help you substitute some drugs with herbs and spices that will give you outstanding results while saving you a lot of money. The author has conducted a deep research in response to the disadvantages of antibiotics in chicken. As a result, the book “YOUR GUIDE TO ORGANIC POULTRY FARMING” will help you to get rid of Antibiotics on your farm. YES! You can get some knowledge about ORGANIC POULTRY FARMING in bits here and there, but not to be compared to the FULL DOSE that you will get here. IF YOU EVER WANT TO BE CONFIDENT BEFORE YOU START, KNOWING THAT YOU CAN ALWAYS TURN TO A GUIDE TO SEE WHAT AND WHAT YOUY NEED TO PUT TOGETHER TO TACKLE DISEASES. THIS IS IT! And before long, you will master the art and become a good organic poultry farmer. IT IS A PRACTICAL STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE EVERYONE CAN FOLLOW WITHOUT A COACH.

Discusses the struggles that farmers have with government regulations and perceptions from the public over food fears, and looks for solutions to these problems.

Small-Farm Success Stories * Financial Assistance Sources * Marketing & Selling Ideas * Business Plan Forms & Documents

Water at the Roots

Stress-free Chicken Tractor Plans

The Joy of Keeping Chickens

Pastured Poultry Packet #1

Hatching & Brooding Your Own Chicks

From the Experiences of the Pioneer Broiler Chicken Raisers of This Country

In a society uprooted by two world wars, industrialization, and dehumanizing technology, a revolutionary farmer turns to poetry to reconnect his people to the land and one another. A farmer, poet, activist, pastor, and mystic, Britts (1917-1949) has been called a British Wendell Berry. His story is no romantic agrarian elegy, but a life lived in the thick of history. As his country plunged headlong into World War II, he joined an international pacifist community, the Bruderhof, and was soon forced to leave Europe for South America. Amidst these great upheavals, his response - to root himself in faith, to dedicate himself to building community, to restore the land he farmed, and to use his gift with words to turn people from their madness - speaks forcefully into our time. In an age still wracked by racism, nationalism, materialism, and ecological devastation, the life he chose and the poetry he composed remain a prophetic challenge.

With in-depth information on electric fencing, watering, and husbandry for ruminants, poultry, and pigs, plus butchering, dairying, and more If we work hard, we sleep well. Twenty years ago, when authors Shawn and Beth Dougherty purchased the land they would come to name the Sow s Ear, the state of Ohio designated it not suitable for agriculture. Today, their family raises and grows 90% of their own food. Such self-sufficiency is largely the result of basing their farming practices around intensive pasture management. Pioneered by such luminaries as Allan Savory, Greg Judy, and Joel Salatin, the tenets of holistic grazing employed mostly by larger-scale commercial operations have been adapted by the Doughertys to fit their family’s needs. In The Independent Farmstead, The Sow s Ear model for regenerating the land and growing food the best you ever tasted is elucidated for others to use and build upon. In witty and welcoming style, The Independent Farmstead covers everything from choosing a species of ruminant and incorporating it into a grass-based system to innovative electric fencing and watering systems, to what to do with all of the milk, meat, and, yes, manure that the self-sustaining farm produces. Within these pages, the Doughertys discuss how to: Find and improve poor, waste, or abused land and develop its natural water resources; Select and purchase the appropriate ruminant for regenerating your farmstead; Apply fencing strategies and pasture management basics; Implement basic, uncomplicated food processing, including large and small animal butchering and cheese making; and Integrate grass, gardens, and livestock to minimize the need for off-farm inputs. As the Doughertys write, more and more people today are feeling the desire for clean, affordable food, unmodified, unprocessed, and unmedicated and the security of local food sourcing for ourselves and our children. The Independent Farmstead is a must-have resource for those who count themselves as part of this movement: both new and prospective farmers and homesteaders, and those who are interested in switching to grass-based systems. Best of all it’s the kind of rare how-to-book that the authors themselves view not as a compendium of one-size-fits-all instructions but as the beginning of a conversation, one that is utterly informative, sincere, and inspiring. "

DAY RANGE POULTRY: -Every Chicken Owner’s Guide to Grazing Gardens and Improving Pastures, including the management of breeder flocks, egg handling, incubating, hatchery management, building shelters, marketing, advertising, soils regeneration, compost creation, processing poultry humanely and efficiently, and much, much more! by Andy Lee and Patricia Foreman, 308pp.This is the book that tells you just about everything you need to know to raise poultry on pasture from the egg up through processing. Based on years of hands-on experiences, success and failures the authors hold back nothing about the realities, advantages and disadvantages and the rewards of small-scale poultry production systems for income and community food self-sufficiency. Hard to find information on raising turkeys and small-scale breeder flocks and incubation production. Foreword by everybody’s favorite contrary farmer, Gene Logsdon.

Traditionally poultry is found in many communities the world over and can be, with adequate support, training and investment, a viable commercial enterprise for many small-scale farmers. Poultry can provide for a good source of nutrition for the farm family and an income source, which does not depend on the harvest cycle common to crops. The booklet is aimed at raising awareness and promoting poultry as a business to all those who are involved in supporting small-scale farming and rural development in general.

POULTRY BREEDING & MGMT

A Quest to Revive Ancient Wheat, Rural Jobs, and Healthy Food

Products and Profit from Poultry

Ten Years of Success

Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks, Geese, Guinea Fowl

Pastured Poultry

Making Small Farms Work

This book is the revised version of ‘Keeping A Few Free Range Pigs’. The popularity of free range pig farming increases all the time but it is not just those that wish to farm pigs on a commercial scale that are a part of this movement, small mixed farms and people that just want to raise a few pigs for the freezer are seeking out information on the best way to farm a few pigs out on pasture. This book is written in a question and answer format, easy to read, no technical jargon, just uncomplicated information and answers to questions on keeping a few free range pigs on pasture.

This book is an introduction to the business of farming pastured eggs for profit for Australian producers. Its aim is to not only arm you with all the ‘must do’s’, but to give you a clear understanding of why the must do’s are so important. Pastured egg farming can be very rewarding and quickly turn a profit but your pastured egg farming success will depend on how well equipped you are with the right knowledge and prepared for what is ahead. Knowing how things work and why they do puts you in the driver’s seat and better able to steer your new business towards becoming a highly productive farm with the best outcomes for the welfare and health of your hens and that means, a healthy bottom line.

“Making Small Farms Work follows the first seasons setting up what has quickly become one of Europe’s flagship farm scale Permaculture and regenerative agriculture sites. From a rural situation, nestled in the heart of Scandinavia, Ridgedale is a dedicated high-quality local food producer engaged in educating the next generation of agrarians with the design and management strategies to create farms for the future.”–Page 4 of cover.

A comprehensive guidebook for those interested in raising poultry on pasture, this reference is organized in an easy-to-use format with topics ranging frombrooding to processing, laying hens to broilers and turkeys, shelter designs, and marketing. (Technology-Agriculture)

Grain by Grain

Lessons in Regenerative Grazing

Salad Bar Beef

Your Successful Farm Business

Starting & Running Your Own Small Farm Business

Interning, Mentoring, Partnering, Germinating

Raising Pastured Rabbits for Meat

“A compelling agricultural story skillfully told; environmentalists will eat it up.” - Kirkus Reviews When Bob Quinn was a kid, a stranger at a county fair gave him a few kernels of an unusual grain. Years later, it would become the centerpiece of his multimillion dollar heirloom grain company, Kamut International. How Bob went from being a true believer in better farming through chemistry to a leading proponent of organics is the unlikely story of Grain by Grain. Along the way, readers will learn how ancient wheat can bring back rural jobs, and how combining time-tested farming practices with modern science can point the way for the future of food.

This technical guide provides sustainable small-scale, family based poultry production. It gives a comprehensive review of all aspects of small-scale poultry production in developing countries and includes sections on feeding and nutrition, housing, general husbandry and flock health. Regional differences in production practices are also described. The guide provides the technical and scientific building blocks needed to develop sustainable programmes for small-scale poultry production. It will be of practical value to those keeping or planning to keep poultry and as a valuable technical reference for poultry specialists, researchers, students and those interested in broader rural development issues. Contents Chapter 1: Introduction; Chapter 2: Species and Breeds; Chapter 3: Feed Resources; Chapter 4: General Management; Chapter 5: Incubation and Hatching; Chapter 6: Health; Chapter 7: Breed Improvement; Chapter 8: Production Economics; Chapter 9: Marketing; Chapter 10: Research and Development for Family Poultry.

Deliberating whether to raise or nurture birds on pasture? Uncertain of how to get started in pastured poultry? I am here to give you adequate insight, I am zealous about assisting household farms and producers of all sizes embrace pastured poultry.Human treatment and the perceived health benefits of pastured poultry are causing an increase in demand for such products. For many beginning farmers, poultry may be the most logical livestock choice. Birds have several advantages with their small size and the scalability, quick return on investment, and low cost of start-up, to name a few. Poultry can be the ‘gateway’ animal to raising larger stock like sheep, goats, hogs, or cattle.

Part of the NOFA guides. Includes information on: Soils, the foundation of health (manure management) Crop production and grazing management (forage species, pasture management, setting up a grazing system) Livestock (selection, nutrition, winter and summer feed considerations, seasonal milking, habitat, herd health, milk quality) Marketing (selling fluid milk, regulations, facility and equipment, selling raw milk) Recordkeeping The transition to organic Featuring examples from various farms in the Northeast.

Pastured Egg Farming - Starting Out

Small Scale Poultry Production: Technical Guide

Day Range Poultry

Growing Soil Biodiversity, and Nutrient-Dense Food with Grassfed Animals and Intensive Pasture Management

A Farmer’s Advice for Happier Hens, Healthier People, and a Better World

Broilers for Profit

Organic Dairy Production

This special re-print edition of Michael K. Boyer’s book “Broilers For Profit” is a guide to raising chickens for meat purposes, either for home use or for profit. Written in 1897, this classic text on broiler chickens was written by one of the leading market poultry experts of the day and drew from the experience of the most experienced market poultry breeders of the time. Topics include The Broiler Chicken Business and What Is Required, The Value of Incubators, Avoiding Disappointing Hatches, Brooders andBrooding Systems, Methods of Feeding Broiler Chickens, Hints on Breeding Stock Selection, Dressing and Processing Broiler Chickens, An Interview With P.H. Jacobs, Albert Reed’s Poultry Farm, George Pressey’s Plan For Broiler Chicken Production, Ducklings and more. An enlightening and informative read written by a world renowned expert that will benefit not only the beginner, but also the expert poultry keeper. Note: This edition is a perfect facsimile of the original edition and is not set in a modern typeface. As a result, some type characters and images might suffer from slight imperfections or minor shadows in the page background.

It took a crop failure to learn my biggest lesson in farming: Row-cropping was an expensive gamble - but raising cattle on grass alone is almost guaranteed income. The next couple of decades proved my observation right. What people think is modern farming can lead them to bankruptcy, but grazing cattle according to Nature’s principles makes farming income - and profits - predictable. In this short volume are the condensed lessons on how to rotate cattle with integrated poultry (with electric fencing has made farming easier, more enjoyable, and completely sustainable. The land is gradually producing more and more each year, while the soil beneath it regains its life. More grass means more cattle it can support, and means more profit every year. You get to walk in Nature every day, while your farming ‘job’ requires few machines or chemicals while it pays you with fresh air, exercise, healthy food, and enough income to farm worry-free. Almost regardless of the weather or market prices. If - you study the land, and it’s grass, and it’s animals. Here is a condensed set of lessons I’ve learned over two decades. More than I’ve told anyone - even though who have gone along this journey with me. Compiled into a single book for you to read. Compare your notes with mine. I’ve found sustainable, eco-positive way to heal the earth and make a decent living without stress. You can, too. Except: Some two decades ago, I escaped the big city and returned to our family farm to take over running it. We were doing corn-soybean row-cropping and “fat” cattle as a side operation. Once I worked out that the farm had to have external income to pay its bills, I started working backward to find out what we had to do to make the farm actually sustainable on its own. Row-cropping didn’t bring enough grain in to fatten steers for market. So we would sell our grain crops and buy feed. We had “bad years” and even outright crop failures occasionally, where the cows “cleaned up” by eating the residue stalks. That’s when I first saw that you didn’t have “crop failures” with cattle on the land. As I then examined the various parts of our cattle farming methods, I found that working to fatten steers on for market ground corn and protein wasn’t as profitable as just selling the yearling calves themselves. Far less inputs, but only slightly lower profits. Far more sustainable. Cutting and baling hay was a trade-off, since we could graze the ground we used to grow hay on to expand our available grazing paddocks, and then reallocate the money and time we invested in getting our hay cut and baled. Plus, we were bringing someone else’s minerals onto our farm through purchased hay. However, this added another 25% to the cost of the needed winter bales, which should be offset by the extra grazing. So we were now over to a simple cow-calf operation, and out of row cropping. But we still needed hay supplements to make ends meet for a third of the year when the grass didn’t grow. The next year after that was to cut down our hay costs. So we had to learn to graze better. As we did, we found ourselves answering the question of how to improve the ground from year to year to raise more grass on the same land - instead of slowly (and expensively) mining it through row-cropping or over-grazing. This is the core of regenerative grazing. Scroll Up and Get Your Copy Now.

Inside these pages, you will find step-by-step instructions for a mobile broiler chicken shelter for pastured poultry that is used by farmers and homesteaders all over the country. Raising chickens on grass provides them with a healthy lifestyle and a delicious flavor. You can raise just enough of them to feed your family or scale up to include pastured poultry as a profitable part of your farm business. John Suscovich has raised thousands of chickens using these mobile shelters, a main enterprise on his farm in Connecticut. These chicken tractors were created using the best elements from other designs. They are easy to move and provide a good life for the chickens. With a little bit of creativity, they can also be modified for seasonal egg-layer housing, rabbits, ducks and fots for your kids. Not only does this book contain the plans and supply list to build your first chicken tractor, but it gives you some insight into how to use it and what mindset you should have if you are to become a happy and successful farmer. John also walks you through the light carpentry skills you need to build these chicken tractors and teaches you the most commonly used knots on a farm. You may learn these skills for this project, but you’ll be able to apply them on your farm for years to come.

Gail Damerow shows you how to incubate, hatch, and brood baby chickens, ducklings, goslings, turkey pouls, and guinea keets. With advice on everything from selecting a breed and choosing the best incubator to feeding and caring for newborn chicks in a brooder, this comprehensive guide also covers issues like embryo development, pating chicks, and a variety of common birth defects. Whether you want to hatch three eggs or one hundred, you’ll find all the information you need to make your poultry-raising a success.

Farm Less, Profit More

45 Building Ideas for Housing Your Flock

Step-by-step Instructions

An All-Natural Approach to Raising Chickens and Other Fowl for Home and Market Growers

Folks, This Ain’t Normal

Raising Poultry on Pasture

The Ultimate Guide to Raising Poultry for Fun Or Profit

Pastured Poultry Packet #1 walks you through the decisions you will make and the money you will spend to start your pastured poultry operation. Then through an easy to follow format we determine what each chicken is going to cost you to raise.

This book is a easy to understand guide to pastured free range pig farming. It covers everything from breeds, breeding, growing, marketing, housing, fencing and managing the farm environment with the aim of giving anyone new to the industry a good insight

The most comprehensive guide to date on raising all-natural poultry for the small-scale farmer, homesteader, and professional grower.The Small-Scale Poultry Flock offers a practical and integrative model for working with chickens and other domestic fowl, based entirely on natural systems. Readers will find information on growing (and sourcing) feed on a small scale, brooding (and breeding) at home, and using poultry as insect and weed managers in the garden and orchard. Ussey’s model presents an entirely sustainable system that can be adapted and utilized in a variety of scales, and will prove invaluable for beginner homesteaders, growers looking to incorporate poultry into their farm, or poultry farmers seeking to close their loop. Ussey offers extensive information on: The essentials for integrated poultry flock (imitates) of natural systems, integrating patterns, and closing the circle) Everything you need to know about your basic chicken (including distinctive points about anatomy and behavior that are critical to management)Extended information on poultry health and holistic health care, with a focus on prevention Planning your flock (flock size, choosing breeds, fowl useful for egg vs. meat production, sourcing stock) How to breed and brood the flock (including breeding for genetic sustainability), including the most complete guide to working with broody hens available anywhere Making and mixing your own feed (with tips on equipment, storage, basic ingredients, technique, grinding and mixing) Providing more of the flock’s feed from sources grown or self-foraged on the homestead or farm, including production of live protein feeds using earthworms and soldier grubs Using poultry to increase soil fertility, control crop damaging insects, and to make compost-including systems for pasturing and for tillage of cover crops and weeds Recipes for great egg and poultry dishes (including Ussey’s famous chicken stock!) And one of the best step-by-step poultry butchering guides available, complete with extensive illustrative photos. No other book on raising poultry takes an entirely whole-systems approach, or discusses producing homogenous feed and breeding in such detail. This is a truly invaluable guide that will lead farmers and homesteaders into a new world of self-reliance and enjoyment.

From farmer Joel Salatin’s point of view, life in the 21st century just ain’t normal. In FOLKS, THIS AIN’T NORMAL, he discusses how far removed we are from the simple, sustainable joy that comes from living close to the land and the people we love. Salatin has many thoughts on what normal is and shares practical and philosophical ideas for changing our lives in small ways that have big impact. In gaining, hailed by the New York Times as “Virginia’s most multifaceted agrarian since Thomas Jefferson (and) the high priest of the pasture” and profiled in the Academy Award nominated documentary Food, Inc. and the bestselling book The Omnivore’s Dilemma, understands what food should be. Wholesome, seasonal, raised naturally, produced locally, prepared lovingly, and eaten with a profane reverence for the circle of life. And his message doesn’t stop there. From child-rearing, to creating quality family time, to respecting the environment, Salatin writes with a wicked sense of humor and true storyteller’s knack for the revealing anecdote. Salatin’s crucial message and distinctive voice—practical, provocative, scientific, and down-home philosophical in equal measure—make

FOLKS, THIS AIN’T NORMAL a must-read book.

Feeding Pasture Raised Poultry

The Independent Farmstead

The Economics of Broiler Chickens

The Entrepreneur’s Guide to Start and Succeed in a Farm Enterprise

A Pragmatic Whole Systems Approach to Profitable Regenerative Agriculture

Using Herbs and Spices to Replace Harmful Antibiotics

The Business of Raising and Selling Ethical Meat

When Peter Larson, a 44 year old principal at an architectural firm decides to leave his job to restart his family’s seventh generation farm near Ithaca, New York, he encounters doubting ghosts of his former self, hundreds of frankenchickens, fifty personable turkeys, three pigs, one enduring friendship, and the true self he has searched for his whole life. Filled with the psychology of change and down to earth stories of farming and homesteading, this is the true story of making the leap so many wish for but dare not.

Twenty years ago Joel Salatin wrote You Can Farm, which has launched thousands of farm entrepreneurs around the world. With another 20 years of experience under his belt, bringing him to the half-century mark as a full-time farmer, he decided to build on that foundation with a sequel, a graduate level curriculum. Everyone who reads and enjoys that previous work will benefit from this additional information. In those 20 years, Polyface Farm progressed from a small family operation to a 20-person, 6,000-customer, 50-restaurant business, all without sales targets, government grants, or an off-farm nest egg. As a germination tray for new farmers ready to take over the 50 percent of America’s agricultural equity that will become available over the next two decades, Polyface Farm in Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley stands as a beacon of hope in a food and farming system floundering in dysfunction: toxicity, pathogenicity, nutrient deficiency, bankruptcy, geezers, and erosion. Speaking into that fear and confusion, Salatin offers a pathway to success, with production, profit, and pleasure thrown in for good measure.

Running your own small farm is demanding enough, but making it profitable presents a host of further challenges. In this business-savvy guide to farming on a small scale, Sarah Aubrey covers everything from financial plans and advertising budgets to web design and food service wholesalers. Learn how to isolate your target audience and craft artisanal products that will delight and amaze customers. With a solid business strategy in place, you can confidently turn your passion into a productive and profitable venture.

This book is all about profitable free range pork production. It covers all the basics in easy to understand language with an in-depth look into the critical areas of pig nutrition and its relationship to pig health and profitability, breeds used in free range farming, herd management, housing, fencing, grazing management and much more. Pigs, Pasture & Profit engages with producers of all levels and acknowledges the very different breeds, farming systems and environments that free range pigs are raised in and that the needs of the animals, their behaviors and genetics all play a part in how the piggery is best managed. Producing a marketable pig as economically as possible is the ultimate goal of any successful pig business and this book will help you do that.

Family-Friendly Farming

Production, Profit and Pleasure

Everything I Want to Do is Illegal

Free Range Pig Farming - Starting Out in Pastured Pigs

A Year and a Day on Just a Few Acres

An All-Natural, Humane, and Profitable Approach to Production on a Small Scale

Pigs, Pasture & Profit

Are you looking for a great way to reconnect with the earth, the community, and your food sources? Keeping backyard chickens is a fun, simple way to start making this happen, even with limited space in your backyard. Let the Chicken Whisperer (poultry personality Andy Schneider) teach you everything he knows...and everything you need to know...about raising a backyard flock! Ditch the super-technical manuals and enjoy Andy’s unique, common-sense perspective in The Chicken Whisperer’s Guide to Keeping Chickens. This fun, comprehensive guide is a perfect fit for your busy lifestyle. Inside, you’ll learn:—The Benefits of a Backyard Chicken Flock—So You’re Eggspecting: The Art of Incubation—The Art of Brooding—Home Sweet Home: Coops & Runs—Nutrition, Health, and Wellness...and much more!

The most comprehensive full-color chicken book available.

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.

From Christian libertarian farmer Joel Salatin, a clarion call to readers to honor the animals and the land, and produce food based on spiritual principles. What on earth is The Marvelous Pigness of Pigs? It’s an inspiring call to action for people of faith . . . a heartfelt plea to heed the Bible’s guidance . . . It’s an important and thought-provoking explanation of how by simply appreciating the marvelous pigness of pigs, we are celebrating the Glory of God. As a man of deep faith and student of the Bible, and as a respected and successful ecological family farmer, Joel Salatin knows that God created heaven and earth and meant for all living organisms to be true to their nature and their endowed holy purpose. He intended for us to respect and care for His gift of creation, not to ravage and mistreat it for our own pleasure or wealth. The example that inspires the book’s title explains what Salatin means: when huge corporate farms confine pigs in cramped and dark pens, inject them with antibiotics and feed them herbicide-saturated food simply to increase profits, they are not respecting them as a creation of God or allowing them to express even their most rudimentary uniqueness - that special role that is part of His design. Every living organism has a God-given uniqueness to its life that must be honored and respected, and too often that is not happening today. Salatin shows us the long overlooked ethics and instructions in the Bible for how to eat, how to shop, how to think about how we farm and feed the world. Through scripture and Biblical stories, he shows us why it’s more vital than ever to look to the good book rather than corporate America when feeding the country and your family. Salatin makes a compelling case for Christian stewardship of the earth and how it relates to every action we take regarding our food. He also opens our eyes to a common misconception many Christians may have about environmentalism: it’s not a bad thing, and definitely not just the province of secular liberals; it’s really a very good thing, part of heeding God’s Word. With warmth and with humor, but with no less piercing criticism of the industrial food complex, Salatin brings readers on a fascinating journey of farming, food and faith. Readers will not say grace over their plates the same way ever again.

Chicken Coops

The Marvelous Pigness of Pigs

You Can Farm

The Chicken Whisperer’s Guide to Keeping Chickens

Pastured Pigs on a Small Scale

Fields of Farmers

Pastured Poultry Profits

The aging farmer phenomenon is new and presents both unprecedented crisis and opportunity. Opening his heart and life, Joel Salatin uses his Polyface Farm experience to encouraged multi-generational farm relationships and germinate a new generation of young farmers.

Advocates the “salad bar beef production model” that is supposed to be “land and farmer friendly.”

Respecting and Caring for All God’s Creation

Production, Profit, Pleasure

Everything You Need to Know . . . and Didn’t Know You Needed to Know About Backyard and Urban Chickens

A Multi-generational Home-based Business Testament

Every Chicken Owner’s Guide to Grazing Gardens and Improving Pastures

The Small-Scale Poultry Flock

The Sheer Ecstasy of Being a Lunatic Farmer