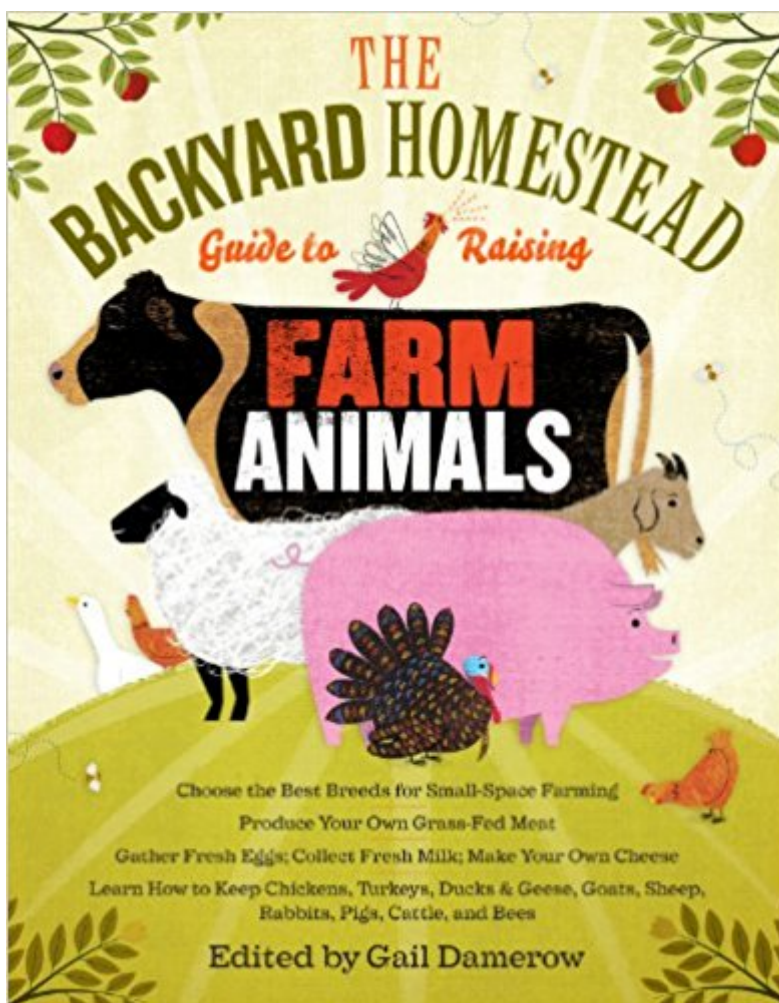


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# The Backyard Homestead Guide To Raising Farm Animals: Choose The Best Breeds For Small-Space Farming, Produce Your Own Grass-Fed Meat, Gather Fresh ... Rabbits, Goats, Sheep, Pigs, Cattle, & Bees





## Synopsis

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.

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The Best Breakfast You'll Ever Eat, Courtesy of Your Backyard Animals: Gather fresh eggs for fluffy omelets. Stuff homemade sausages with meat. Fill your omelet with tangy, creamy cheese. Stir sweet honey into tea or coffee. Fry a steak or bacon as a savory side. Top off your meal with a cold glass of milk. Breakfast isn't the only meal you'll enjoy from your backyard farm... Imagine the satisfaction of feeding your family wholesome eggs, milk, meat, and honey produced by animals raised organically and humanely in your backyard. On as little land as one-tenth of an acre, you can raise healthy, productive barnyard animals and take a big step toward food independence. Learn how to: Raise chickens in brooder boxes Determine the freshness of eggs hidden in the backyard Roast a duck or goose to perfection Make goat-milk yogurt Interpret everyday sheep behavior Harvest honey Raise your own Thanksgiving turkey Manage your beef cattle to produce the best-tasting meat Includes

Full-Color at-a-Glance Breed Guide The animal-raising companion to The Backyard Homestead.

Gail Damerow has written extensively on raising chickens and other livestock, growing fruits and vegetables, and related rural know-how in more than a dozen books, including the best-selling Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens, The Chicken Encyclopedia, The Chicken Health Handbook, and Hatching and Brooding Your Own Chicks. Damerow is a regular contributor to Backyard Poultry, Countryside, and Rural Heritage magazines. She lives in Tennessee with her husband, where they operate a family farm with poultry and dairy goats, a sizable garden, and a small orchard.

I got this book when I moved to the country and it was an excellent investment. It has guided me through selection, buying, raising, breeding, birthing, and keeping the animals healthy and happy. It is a great beginner thru intermediate book, but as you get further into raising and maintaining animals you will need a more advance medical/health/vet book to provide more detail and pictures to help diagnosis problems.

Great book with lots of important info for those who are just trying to get ideas together for turning their homes or lots into small farms! This book, which exceeded my expectations, was far better than i thought it would be, but everyone who buys it MUST KNOW it's one that, though its thorough, it only briefly deals with each subject. It is a great starter book but if someone really wanted to get more into one or the other subjects, a book on that particular subject would be needed to supplement. I love it. For anyone just starting out, and who want to know just the BASICS, I highly suggest this book!

This is an amazing collection of information. I plan to read it many times!

After purchasing and enjoying The Backyard Homestead so much, I decided to buy The Backyard Guide to Raising Farm Animals. I was not disappointed at all! This book has the same information as The Backyard Homestead, but it is expanded. Now I have all the information I would need in one complete book. It even has guides for the best breed of each animal. It has answers to problem questions such as: "Why are my chickens not laying?" I'm been able to figure out many different issues I have with my animals because of this book. It really is a great resource, and I'm very happy to have it in my collection.

I am loving this book. Each section is very organized and clear to read. The book gives lots of detail but is still easy for a beginner to read. I feel like after reading some of the sections I could just start now without even picking up another book. I think it would also be helpful for someone who already has a base knowledge of some farm animals but would like to freshen their knowledge or have everything in a concise location. Anyway, it is absolutely perfect for a beginner and I have really enjoyed reading it. It is not filled with a lot of technical information that would perhaps make it a boring read, but instead stays lively and interesting. The author even adds in a little humor at times. I have since bought other books by this author, but have yet to read them. I am trying to think of a con, but I really can't!

As novice, small-scale farmers, we needed an in-depth book about animals. We already had great books like Storey's Basic Country Skills and The Self-Sufficient Life and How to Live It, which helped us get going in every other area, but both are short in information about animals. The Backyard Homestead looked good on the sample pages, and the price was good, so we took a chance. It is PERFECT for what we needed. The book gives in-depth, easy to follow information about every aspect of the basic farm animals, from conception to the table. We are very happy with our purchase.

Great book on raising livestock

WOW! I'm nearly done with it. It is a really easy read and covers (so far as I've gotten) many species, their needs, pros and cons of various breeds within the different animals. It has made making up my mind about a bunch of things in planning a small farm as well as brought up many considerations that I hadn't thought of yet. I'm sure it's information will prove invaluable.

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