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Advances in Sheep Welfare

If you've ever envisioned keeping sheep in your own pasture, be it one or two hobby animals or a large flock, this book is the perfect place to begin. Backed by the National FFA Organization, our acclaimed series of How to Raise guides has helped countless first-time animal owners across the United States confidently care for their new companions. In this freshly updated second edition of How to Raise Sheep, author and farmer Philip Hasheider offers reliable guidance for getting started and going the distance. First, he walks you through all the basics on breeds, housing, fencing, feed requirements, breeding, lambing, showing, and marketing meat and wool. Then, he covers the various farming options (organic, sustainable, and conventional) so you can decide which approach best meets your needs. Accompanied by gorgeous instructional photography, How to Raise Sheep continues to be an essential primer for the newcomer to sheep care, with everything you need to know to raise a healthy, productive flock./div

A Sheep Story

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Sheep Keeping is a practical guide to common problems seen in small sheep flocks. It is suitable for experienced smallholder sheep farmers, but also relevant to new and prospective ones. As a sheep keeper, have you ever wanted to go into more depth with your vet and gain expert advice that will keep your flock healthy and happy? This guide provides in-depth veterinary information to complement local veterinary consultations. Advice is offered on everyday issues, such as: feeding and nutrition; housing; organ systems and their function; disease and treatments; and sheep behavior. Each chapter guides the reader through different sheep keeping systems, organ biology, correct diet and nutrition, lambing time, and the many problems that can occur at this time of year. Helpful photographs and diagrams will help readers identify and describe diseases, including recognizing abnormal behaviour and the signs of disease in their sheep. The chapter on routine husbandry procedures will help readers prevent diseases through good practice. (Series: The Professional Smallholder Series) [Subject: Farm Studies, Sheep Keeping]

Raising Healthy Sheep

This stunning collection of portraits shows sheep as you've never seen them before. Featuring commissioned studio photography of

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champion breeds styled to perfection prior to competition, the animals showcased here are works of ovine art. Beautiful color portraits of 42 different breeds from around the globe are accompanied by graphic charts containing all the essential breed information. There's also a potted history of sheep, plus reportage photography of the behind-the-scenes primping and preening at the agricultural shows, to document the care lavished on prizewinning sheep as well as the nail-biting judging process. Whether you regard it as a photographic exposition, an amusing objet d'art, or a shepherd's delight packed with visual and textual breed information, this is a unique giftbook destined to adorn coffee tables around the globe.

Natural Goat Care

There is magic in forages. It's the magic of sunlight, green leaves, and photosynthesis. This magic has created a vast array of plants that contain the protein, fiber, and starch upon which our livestock depend. The challenge is to make this magic work for you. We need to develop the skills and the knowledge to grow forages effectively and sustainably. This book offers a distillation of that knowledge for anyone interested in the modern concepts of grazing - especially for the grazier who raises livestock on

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forages. This is not a dry textbook or a collection homey anecdotes. Rather, we get under the hood with down-to-earth essays on the practical skills and underlying science. Sometimes with a bit of humor. This is a fun read. In sixty-two entertaining chapters, you'll find no-nonsense information on grazing techniques, forage growth, soil fertility, nutritional quality, hay and silage. You'll learn how to look at a pasture and know when to open the gate and what happens to forages during grazing. There's even a chapter on the forage nutrition of dinosaurs. And the last section of this book is special: a practical in-depth handbook on improved pastures. It's a systematic outline of the skills of Management Intensive Grazing. These pages will open doors to a wizardly world of forage skills. You'll gain knowledge that will enrich your days and help you make good decisions about your farm or ranch. This is a book that will stay with you long after you finish reading it. And - grazier or not - you'll never again drive past a pasture without seeing it in a different light.

Katahdin Hair Sheep - Raising a Profitable Breed of Sheep

How to Raise Sheep

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Natural Cattle Care encompasses every facet of farm management, from the mineral components of the soils cattle graze over, to issues of fencing, shelter and feed regimens. Coleby presents a comprehensive analysis of farming techniques that keep the health of the animal in mind. She brings a wealth of animal husbandry experiences to bear in this analysis of the serious problems of contemporary farming practices, focusing on how poor soils lead to mineral-deficient plants and ailing farm animals. Coleby provides system-level solutions and specific remedies for optimizing cattle health and productivity.

Natural Sheep Care

"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"--

The Sheep Book For Smallholders

A respected resource for decades, the Guide

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for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals has been revised by a committee of experts, based on input from scientists and the public. The Guide incorporates recent research on commonly used species, including farm animals, and includes extensive references. It is organized around major components of animal use: Institutional policies and responsibilities. The committee discusses areas that require policy attention: the role and function of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, protocols for animal care and use, occupational health and safety, personnel qualifications, and other areas. Animal environment, husbandry, and management. The committee offers guidelines on how to design and run a management program, addressing environment, nutrition, sanitation, behavioral and social issues, genetics, nomenclature, and more. Veterinary care. The committee discusses animal procurement and transportation, disease and preventive medicine, and surgery. The Guide addresses pain recognition and relief and issues surrounding euthanasia. Physical plant. The committee identifies design and construction issues, providing guidelines for animal-room doors, drainage, noise control, surgery, and other areas. The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals provides a framework for the judgments required in the management of animal facilities--a resource of proven value, now updated and expanded. This

revision will be important to researchers, animal care technicians, facilities managers, administrators at research institutions, policymakers involved in research issues, and animal welfare advocates.

Risk, Environment and Modernity

Animal welfare is attracting increasing interest worldwide, but particularly from those in developed countries, who now have the knowledge and resources to be able to improve the welfare of farm animals. The increased attention given to farm animal welfare in the West derives largely from the fact that the relentless pursuit of financial reward and efficiency has led to the development of intensive animal production systems that disturb the conscience of many consumers. In developing countries, human survival is still a daily uncertainty, so that provision for animal welfare has to be balanced against human welfare. Welfare is usually provided for only if it supports the output of the animal, be it food, work, clothing, sport or companionship. In reality there are resources for all if they are properly husbanded in both developing and developed countries. The inequitable division of the world's riches creates physical and psychological poverty for humans and animals alike in many sectors of the world. Livestock are the world's biggest land user (FAO, 2002)

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and the population is increasing rapidly to meet the need of an expanding human population. Populations of farm animals managed by humans are therefore increasing worldwide, and in some regions there is a tendency to allocate fewer resources, such as labour, to each animal with potentially adverse consequences on the animals' welfare.

The Welfare of Sheep

Scientific experiments using animals have contributed significantly to the improvement of human health. Animal experiments were crucial to the conquest of polio, for example, and they will undoubtedly be one of the keystones in AIDS research. However, some persons believe that the cost to the animals is often high. Authored by a committee of experts from various fields, this book discusses the benefits that have resulted from animal research, the scope of animal research today, the concerns of advocates of animal welfare, and the prospects for finding alternatives to animal use. The authors conclude with specific recommendations for more consistent government action.

Grazing Sheep by the Water in the Netherlands Journal

Charles, Henry, David and Paula are very best Sheep Friends. Find out what happens when

they each decide to throw a party. Things get a little crazy! An adorable story with illustrations that make you laugh and a lesson about friendship and flexibility. And where to draw the line. Ages 2 and up.

Effect of Environment on Nutrient Requirements of Domestic Animals

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Air Emissions from Animal Feeding Operations: Current Knowledge, Future Needs discusses the need for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement a new method for estimating the amount of ammonia, nitrous oxide, methane, and other pollutants emitted from livestock and poultry farms, and for determining how these emissions are dispersed in the atmosphere. The committee calls for the EPA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to establish a joint council to coordinate and oversee short - and long-term research to estimate emissions from animal feeding operations accurately and to develop mitigation strategies. Their recommendation was for the joint council to focus its efforts first on those pollutants that pose the greatest risk to the environment and public health.

Use of Laboratory Animals in Biomedical

and Behavioral Research

"The Sheep Book offers a template for both the beginner and the old hand. Mixing theoretical, technical and practical, Parker offers a buffet of tips for any sheep producer." --Joel Salatin, author of You Can Farm

Weeds

Advances in Sheep Welfare examines the recent advances made in sheep welfare assessment, handling and management, providing state-of-the-art coverage of the welfare needs of one of the world's most widely farmed animals. The book begins with an introduction to sheep welfare in Part One, with chapters covering biology and natural behavior, sheep production systems, and consumer and societal expectations for sheep products. Part Two goes on to highlight new advances in sheep welfare assessment, before Part Three outlines a wide range of solutions to sheep welfare challenges. The final section looks ahead to the future, considering what sheep welfare will look like in 2030 and beyond. This book is an essential part of the wider ranging series Advances in Farm Animal Welfare, with coverage of cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry. With its expert editors and international team of contributors, Advances in Sheep Welfare is a key reference tool for

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welfare research scientists and students, veterinarians involved in welfare assessment, and indeed anyone with a professional interest in the welfare of sheep. Brings together top researchers in the field to provide a comprehensive overview of recent advances in the understanding of sheep welfare and management Presents part of a wider series, *Advances in Agricultural Animal Welfare*, which provides comprehensive coverage of animal welfare of the world's major farmed animals Highlights current advances and looks ahead to how sheep welfare management will develop in the next ten to fifteen years

Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals

In this book, Jan Deckers addresses the most crucial question that people must deliberate in relation to how we should treat other animals: whether we should eat animal products. Many people object to the consumption of animal products from the conviction that it inflicts pain, suffering, and death upon animals. This book argues that a convincing ethical theory cannot be based on these important concerns: rather, it must focus on our interest in human health. Tending to this interest demands not only that we extend speciesism—the attribution of special significance to members of our own

species merely because they belong to the same species as ourselves—towards nonhuman animals, but also that we safeguard the integrity of nature. In this light, projects that aim to engineer the genetic material of animals to reduce their capacities to feel pain and to suffer are morally suspect. The same applies to projects that aim to develop in-vitro flesh, even if the production of such flesh should be welcomed on other grounds. The theory proposed in this book is accompanied by a political goal, the 'vegan project', which strives for a qualified ban on the consumption of animal products. Deckers also provides empirical evidence that some support for this goal exists already, and his analysis of the views of others—including those of slaughterhouse workers—reveals that the vegan project stands firm in spite of public opposition. Many charges have been pressed against vegan diets, including: that they alienate human beings from nature; that they increase human food security concerns; and that they are unsustainable. Deckers argues that these charges are legitimate in some cases, but that, in many situations, vegan diets are actually superior. For those who remain doubtful, the book also contains an appendix that considers whether vegan diets might actually be nutritionally adequate.

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This wide-ranging and accessible contribution to the study of risk, ecology and environment helps us to understand the politics of ecology and the place of social theory in making sense of environmental issues. The book provides insights into the complex dynamics of change in 'risk societies'.

Storey's Guide to Raising Sheep

Parenting Matters

Decades of research have demonstrated that the parent-child dyad and the environment of the family—which includes all primary caregivers—are at the foundation of children's well-being and healthy development. From birth, children are learning and rely on parents and the other caregivers in their lives to protect and care for them. The impact of parents may never be greater than during the earliest years of life, when a child's brain is rapidly developing and when nearly all of her or his experiences are created and shaped by parents and the family environment. Parents help children build and refine their knowledge and skills, charting a trajectory for their health and well-being during childhood and beyond. The experience of parenting also impacts parents themselves. For instance, parenting can enrich and give focus to

parents' lives; generate stress or calm; and create any number of emotions, including feelings of happiness, sadness, fulfillment, and anger. Parenting of young children today takes place in the context of significant ongoing developments. These include: a rapidly growing body of science on early childhood, increases in funding for programs and services for families, changing demographics of the U.S. population, and greater diversity of family structure. Additionally, parenting is increasingly being shaped by technology and increased access to information about parenting. Parenting Matters identifies parenting knowledge, attitudes, and practices associated with positive developmental outcomes in children ages 0-8; universal/preventive and targeted strategies used in a variety of settings that have been effective with parents of young children and that support the identified knowledge, attitudes, and practices; and barriers to and facilitators for parents' use of practices that lead to healthy child outcomes as well as their participation in effective programs and services. This report makes recommendations directed at an array of stakeholders, for promoting the wide-scale adoption of effective programs and services for parents and on areas that warrant further research to inform policy and practice. It is meant to serve as a roadmap for the future of parenting policy, research, and practice in the United States.

New Techniques in Sheep Production

New Techniques in Sheep Production is an eight-part book that first reviews sheep production systems and scope for improvement. Subsequent chapter focuses on methods of increasing fecundity. Parts III and IV describe reproduction methods and genetic improvement techniques. Other chapters discuss breed development; feeding systems; management and health control; and evaluation of techniques in sheep production. This book will be of value to the pioneer farmers, their advisers, and supporters in the associated marketing and supply organizations, as well as to students at agriculture and veterinary universities and colleges.

Practical Sheep Dairying

Sheep have to be one of the most versatile livestock animals on the planet. All-in-one grazing and fertilising machines, they provide meat and milk for our tables, wool for clothing, carpets, and insulation, skins for leather and rugs, and a whole host of other products. If you have recently acquired sheep or are thinking of starting a small flock, this book is for you. The Sheep Manual is a quick-reference, up-to-date, and easy-to-read guide which helps you choose the right breed for your land, provides essential

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health and welfare information, and guides you through your first breeding and lambing season.

Your Body

Goat Science

Presents tips on choosing breeds, feeding, housing, breeding, lambing, and health care for raising sheep.

Beautiful Sheep

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.

Air Emissions from Animal Feeding Operations

What, exactly, do you know about your body? Do you know how your immune system works? Or what your pancreas does? Or the myriad -- and

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often simple -- ways you can improve the way your body functions? This full-color, visually rich guide answers these questions and more. Matthew MacDonald, noted author of *Your Brain: The Missing Manual*, takes you on a fascinating tour of your body from the outside in, beginning with your skin and progressing to your vital organs. You'll look at the quirks, curiosities, and shortcomings we've all learned to live with, and pick up just enough biology to understand how your body works. You'll learn: That you shed skin more frequently than snakes do Why the number of fat cells you have rarely changes, no matter how much you diet or exercise -- they simply get bigger or smaller How you can measure and control fat That your hair is made from the same stuff as horses' hooves That you use only a small amount of the oxygen you inhale Why blood pressure is a more important health measure than heart rate -- with four ways to lower dangerously high blood pressure Why our bodies crave foods that make us fat How to use heart rate to shape an optimal workout session -- one that's neither too easy nor too strenuous Why a tongue with just half a dozen taste buds can identify thousands of flavors Why bacteria in your gut outnumber cells in your body -- and what function they serve Why we age, and why we can't turn back the clock What happens to your body in the minutes after you die Rather than dumbed-down self-help or dense medical text, *Your Body: The*

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Missing Manual is entertaining and packed with information you can use. It's a book that may well change your life. Reader comments for *Your Brain: The Missing Manual*, also by author Matthew MacDonald: "Popular books on the brain are often minefields of attractive but inaccurate information. This one manages to avoid most of the hype and easy faulty generalizations while providing easy to read and digest information about the brain. It has useful tricks without the breathless hype of many popular books."-- Elizabeth Zwicky, *The Usenix Magazine* "a unique guide that should be sought after by any who want to maximize what they can accomplish with their mental abilities and resources."-- James A. Cox, *The Midwest Book Review - Wisconsin Bookwatch* "If you can't figure out how to use your brain after reading this guide, you may want to return your brain for another."-- *The Sacramento Book Review*, Volume 1, Issue 2, Page 19 "It's rare to find a book on any technical subject that is as well written and readable as *Your Brain: The Missing Manual*. The book covers pretty much anything you may want to know about your brain, from what makes it up, through how it develops to how to mitigate the affects of aging. The book is easy reading, fact packed and highlighted notes and practical applications. So if you want to learn more about your brain, how it works, how to get the best out of it or just want to stave off the ravages of Alzheimers (see

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chapter ten for details of how learning helps maintain your brain) then I can't recommend this book highly enough."-- Neil Davis, Amazon.co.uk "MacDonald's writing style is perfect for this kind of guide. It remains educational without becoming overly technical or using unexplained jargon. And even though the book covers a broad scope of topics, MacDonald keeps it well organized and easy to follow. The book captures your attention with fun facts and interesting studies that any person could apply to their own understanding of human ability. It has great descriptions of the brain and its interconnected parts, as well as providing full color pictures and diagrams to offer a better explanation of what the author is talking about."-- Janica Unruh, Blogcritics Magazine

The Sheep Book

This promises to be the only book on sheep you will ever need! Packed full of detailed information, The Sheep Book for Smallholders covers every aspect of keeping sheep on a small scale. Beginning with a brief overview of the sheep industry, and the rise and fall of the artisan shepherd, the author has logically divided the book up into the shepherd's calendar, so that the sheep keeper knows what to expect with each season. All aspects of looking after the flock are covered, including selection, culling,

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nutrition, housing, lambing, grassland management, ailments and prevention. There are also sections on home slaughter and butcher, and, uniquely, processing the byproducts, including the fleece and keeping sheep for dairying. Unusually, the book also has a section on training sheepdogs. Supported by stunning photography and clear illustrations, as well as huge and useful appendices. This is a welcome addition to the smallholder's bookshelf, and is going to be a reference classic in years to come.

Sheep Manual

Goat science covers quite a wide range and varieties of topics, from genetics and breeding, via nutrition, production systems, reproduction, milk and meat production, animal health and parasitism, etc., up to the effects of goat products on human health. In this book, several parts of them are presented within 18 different chapters. Molecular genetics and genetic improvement of goats are the new approaches of goat development. Several factors affect the passage rate of digesta in goats, but for diet properties, goats are similar to other ruminants. Iodine deficiency in goats could be dangerous. Assisted reproduction techniques have similar importance in goats like in other ruminants. Milk and meat production traits of goats are almost equally

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important and have significant positive impacts on human health. Many factors affect the health of goats, heat stress being of increasing importance. Production systems could modify all of the abovementioned characteristics of goats.

Raising Sheep the Modern Way

Katahdin Hair Sheep - Raising a Profitable Breed of Sheep Table of Contents Introduction Chapter 1: What are Katahdin Hair Sheep Chapter 2: The Katahdin Advantage Chapter 3: Selecting Katahdin Sheep for your Flock Chapter 4: Reaping the Benefits of the Katahdin Breed Closing Remarks Author Bio Introduction More than a few people would use words like 'dumb' and 'stupid' to describe sheep. Not me. I use words like 'trusting', 'habitual' and 'profitable'. I use these words because they are what I know sheep to be. As someone who spent over twenty years as a shepherd to several hundred head of sheep, I can say in no uncertain terms that I know the potential for sheep when it comes to making your farm a profitable business. The degree of profitability, however, depends upon the quality of your sheep. And when it comes to quality, you'll be hard-pressed to find a better breed of sheep than the Katahdin. Katahdin are hair sheep; meaning they don't have wool. So yes, if your intentions for raising sheep are for

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spinning, you will need to choose a wool breed known for the quality of their wool. But if it's meat production you are after, look no further than the Katahdin.

Sheep Keeping

AAP Prose Award Finalist 2018/19 Management of Animal Care and Use Programs in Research, Education, and Testing, Second Edition is the extensively expanded revision of the popular Management of Laboratory Animal Care and Use Programs book published earlier this century. Following in the footsteps of the first edition, this revision serves as a first line management resource, providing for strong advocacy for advancing quality animal welfare and science worldwide, and continues as a valuable seminal reference for those engaged in all types of programs involving animal care and use. The new edition has more than doubled the number of chapters in the original volume to present a more comprehensive overview of the current breadth and depth of the field with applicability to an international audience. Readers are provided with the latest information and resource and reference material from authors who are noted experts in their field. The book: - Emphasizes the importance of developing a collaborative culture of care within an animal care and use program and provides information about how behavioral

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management through animal training can play an integral role in a veterinary health program - Provides a new section on Environment and Housing, containing chapters that focus on management considerations of housing and enrichment delineated by species - Expands coverage of regulatory oversight and compliance, assessment, and assurance issues and processes, including a greater discussion of globalization and harmonizing cultural and regulatory issues - Includes more in-depth treatment throughout the book of critical topics in program management, physical plant, animal health, and husbandry. Biomedical research using animals requires administrators and managers who are knowledgeable and highly skilled. They must adapt to the complexity of rapidly-changing technologies, balance research goals with a thorough understanding of regulatory requirements and guidelines, and know how to work with a multi-generational, multi-cultural workforce. This book is the ideal resource for these professionals. It also serves as an indispensable resource text for certification exams and credentialing boards for a multitude of professional societies Co-publishers on the second edition are: ACLAM (American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine); ECLAM (European College of Laboratory Animal Medicine); IACLAM (International Colleges of Laboratory Animal Medicine); JCLAM (Japanese College of Laboratory Animal Medicine); KCLAM (Korean

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College of Laboratory Animal Medicine); CALAS (Canadian Association of Laboratory Animal Medicine); LAMA (Laboratory Animal Management Association); and IAT (Institute of Animal Technology).

Worldwide Wound Healing

A manual providing information for organic and conventional sheep farmers. This second edition has been expanded in the areas of breeding for finer wool and meat, land management, sheep management, and treatment of health problems.

Allowed to Grow Old

The book *Worldwide Wound Healing - Innovation in Natural and Conventional Methods* develops a set of themes on the healing and treatment of complex wounds through evidence-based practice with innovations in the use of natural and conventional methods. It is an innovative way that promotes the integration of conventional and natural perspectives in wound healing, with a unique focus on the quality of life of the patient.

Healthy Sheep Naturally

Offers practical advice on selecting, feeding, caring for, shearing, and breeding sheep, and discusses the advantages and

disadvantages of raising them

Capturing Sunlight, Book 1

This comprehensive book covers how to acquire a healthy flock, routine procedures to keep them healthy, common diseases, how to identify problems, how to deal with them, and when to consult the vet. Written by two qualified veterinary surgeons, each with extensive experience of running their own flocks, the clear, easy-to-follow style will enable the book to be used by all sheep keepers, from novices or amateurs with small flocks, to those with larger or pedigree flocks.

Animal (De)liberation

There's nothing quite like a relationship with an aged pet—a dog or cat who has been at our side for years, forming an ineffable bond. Pampered pets, however, are a rarity among animals who have been domesticated. Farm animals, for example, are usually slaughtered before their first birthday. We never stop to think about it, but the typical images we see of cows, chickens, pigs, and the like are of young animals. What would we see if they were allowed to grow old? Isa Leshko shows us, brilliantly, with this collection of portraits. To create these portraits, she spent hours with her subjects,

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gaining their trust and putting them at ease. The resulting images reveal the unique personality of each animal. It's impossible to look away from the animals in these images as they unforgettably meet our gaze, simultaneously calm and challenging. In these photographs we see the cumulative effects of the hardships of industrialized farm life, but also the healing that time can bring, and the dignity that can emerge when farm animals are allowed to age on their own terms. Each portrait is accompanied by a brief biographical note about its subject, and the book is rounded out with essays that explore the history of animal photography, the place of beauty in activist art, and much more. Open this book to any page. Meet Teresa, a thirteen-year-old Yorkshire Pig, or Melvin, an eleven-year-old Angora Goat, or Tom, a seven-year-old Broad Breasted White Turkey. You'll never forget them.

Advancing Biological Farming

"Weeds, Control Without Poisons" demonstrates the necessity in agriculture today for a more holistic, eco-centered perspective. The author explains what 50 years of deadly chemicals have already done to our soil and our bodies, demonstrating this process does not work in any long-term common sense agricultural system and offering alternatives to chemicals. Explores the workings of soil

ecosystems and teaches how to understand and control the growth of countless weed species.

Holistic Goat Care

The Basics of Raising Sheep - Don't Be Dumb About Raising Sheep Because They Aren't Table of Contents Introduction Chapter 1: Being Prepared it's More than Just a Motto Chapter 2: Fencing Chapter 3: The Three Essentials- Food, Water and Shelter Chapter 4: I Pick Ewe Chapter 5: Hello, my Name is Shepherd Conclusion Author Bio Introduction Most people consider sheep to be cute, wooly and dumb. These same people would be wrong. The truth of the matter is sheep are cute and wooly, but as for being dumb while it is true that some breeds of sheep are less resilient than others and don't do very well in the mothering department, the word 'trusting' is a much more appropriate adjective to describe these wonderful (yes, wonderful!) animals. There are a few other adjectives which aptly describe sheep: manageable, functional and profitable. Whether you have a couple of acres or a couple of hundred acres- sheep have much to offer in the way of an agricultural venture as long as you do it right. That's where this book comes in. "I cannot tell you how many times I've turned people away wanting to buy sheep; telling them to come see me when they are actually ready to buy." -Darla Noble That's what this book is all

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about; getting you ready to raise sheep.
Based upon the assumption that you've decided that's what you want to do, we will tell you:
*How to prepare yourself and your property to raise sheep
*What you need to raise sheep
*How to select sheep for your farm
*The primary functions of a shepherd (that's you!)

The Backyard Sheep

Hobby farmer Sue Weaver provides a perfect primer in *Sheep*, ideal for novice or experienced sheep keepers looking to expand their hobby farm with a flock of woolly wonders. Illustrated with instructive and beautiful color photographs and loaded with charts and sidebars, this Hobby Farms title will make even newcomers feel comfortable choosing, caring for, and even sheering and milking their own sheep. Weaver begins, "Be they pets or profit makers, sheep should be part of every small-farm scene. They are inexpensive to buy and keep, easy to care for, and relatively long lived, making them great investments." While sheep dotting a green meadow add beauty—and a possible tax write-off—to any pastoral setting, hobby farmers can choose whether their sheep will be sold as pets, used as providers of milk, cheese, or wool, or raised as livestock for their much sought-after mutton. As a subject, sheep have a fascinating history to tell, as Weaver does in the opening chapter "Sheep

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from the Beginning," but once we get through the mythology, biology, and anatomical lessons, the farming begins. Sheep will assist the reader in buying the right sheep for his or her farm or land, based on availability, conformation, health, and so forth. The book offers practical advice, including how to move sheep from one locale to another (with a "ewe haul"). Sheepfarming involves the housing, feeding, and guarding of the sheep, all detailed in the book. Weave discusses the use of fences, shelters, pens, and stalls as well as the purchase of the right hay. She also addresses the use of working dogs to control and guard the flock. Understanding sheep behavior is the subject of the chapter "Sheepish Behavior and Safe Handling," in which the author discusses flocking dynamics, fleeing instinct, and sheep body and vocal language, leading to practical advice about how to handle and move sheep safely and with minimal fuss. The old adage "A sick sheep is a dead sheep" may not hold completely true in modern times, but it does underscore how important the health of a flock is to a responsible sheep keeper. The chapter "Health, Maladies, and Hooves" (and the appendix "A Glance at Sheep Afflictions") offers farmers vital information about vaccinations, parasites, and hoof care to be proactive in the flock's health. For hobby farmers interested in expanding their flocks, the chapter "The Importance of Proper Breeding" is a mini course in breeding and

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lambing, including bottle feeding, tail banding, and more. All of the joys of wool are captured in the chapter "Fleece: Shearing, Selling, Spinning," in which the author discusses the tools, skills, and fees required to fleece the flock. The chapter also discusses spinning your own wool and selling the fleece. The final chapter, "Mutton or Milk?" discusses the advantages and desirability of sheep's milk and the possible markets for milk, cheese, and meat. A glossary of over 100 terms, an extensive resources section (sheep-pertinent organizations, websites, and publications), and an index complete the volume.

A Beginner's Guide to Raising Sheep - Don't Be Dumb about Raising Sheep Because They Aren't

In this comprehensive guide for all breeders and owners of sheep, whether for wool, meat or milk, renowned Australian livestock expert Pat Coleby covers feeding requirements, land management, sheep management, breeds of sheep, treatment of health problems, minerals and vitamins, and much more. Suitable for both organic and conventional farmers, this information packed volume is an essential read.

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