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Storey’s Guide to RAISING BEEF CATTLE

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Synopsis

Storey’s Guide to Raising Beef Cattle is the go-to reference for new and experienced cattle ranchers, providing expert advice on everything from breed selection, calving, feeding, and housing, to humane handling and slaughter practices. The 3rd edition, now with 125,000 copies in print, contains new and expanded features:

- Up-to-the-minute coverage of diseases and vaccination options
- Complete information on raising grass-fed animals
- How to identify and deal with toxic pasture plants

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Praise for the book: “I found your book to be the Bible for raising beef cattle, and will continue to refer to it while running our 160-head organic beef operation.” - Jonathan, Plainfield, IN

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If you’ve read all the other books on how to raise cattle and still have a million questions, reading this book will answer them! I’m so overloaded with information I can’t think of any more questions to ask. This book will take weeks of rereading to get half the information to sink in. Very impressive work. Incredible illustrations and photographs. If you’ve ever wondered exactly where your hand should be to check a cow’s uterus for conception, you’ll know after examining the illustrations. If you want to know every detail for visually evaluating a bull for fertility, it’s in there. Want to know how to reinforce a fence corner? It’s in there. Want to see an excellent corral design? It’s in there. Great book to own, not borrow, because you will be referring to it for years to come.
This is an excellent book for anyone who is even considering raising cattle. I learned things I never imagined. If you are thinking about buying cattle, buy this book first!

I'm not a farmer or rancher, but in my job I'm required to have a working knowledge of the small scale cattle operation. Ms Thomas does not assume that the reader has any certain level of ag knowledge, but she is not condescending either. The reader easily grasps the concepts and lingo, to the point that if you don't already have some cattle, you will soon want some. That's the level of caring and excitement Ms. Thomas brings to the subject. This book now stays on my desk as my primary "real world" cattle research book.

This book will help the beginner make informative decisions and understand which questions to ask. A calf is more than a pet. Ms. Thomas has covered everything except the butchering. She explains terms in language easily understood. This book helped me understand not only what the cows need, but the area I will be raising them in also. She explains breeds, cross breeds, and the benefits of both.

I have read this book cover to cover more than once now and find that it answers every question I have for near every situation. It is the most useful book I have in my cattle library. Whether you are an experienced cowboy or just getting started, this book will help you with keeping your livestock healthy and you a happy producer. Well written and easy to read!

Heather Smith Thomas has achieved the unachievable - a comprehensive text for aspiring cowboys! If you've ever visited a friend or family member who is trying to make a living on a small farm you have probably been asked to pitch in. And, if you have tried helping, you probably have felt you could have been more help picking ticks off a dead cow than trying to rustle the calf into its corral. At least I felt so many years ago. Don't get me wrong, I don't yet feel I am competent with the critters. I merely feel I am no longer the city slicker asking dumb questions! After reading this excellent book I am excited to start raising beef cattle for profit. I can do this on a small scale without harming the environment and without millions of dollars and without using techniques that alienate me from my animal rights' activist friends, because of common sense advice from Heather Smith Thomas. Okay, I probably will aggravate my more radical friends and will irritate my vegetarian niece, but, you haven't lived until you've eaten beef! Buy this book. Read it thoroughly BEFORE you
buy those calves. Then keep it handy for frequent reference!


This book was exactly what I was looking for. I know nothing about cattle, my husband has raised them since he was young. I wanted a book that would explain the "little things" to me so I wouldn't have to ask him day in day out what this meant, what they are doing, how will we know when they are in heat, etc. It's very interesting, easy read and very informative.

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