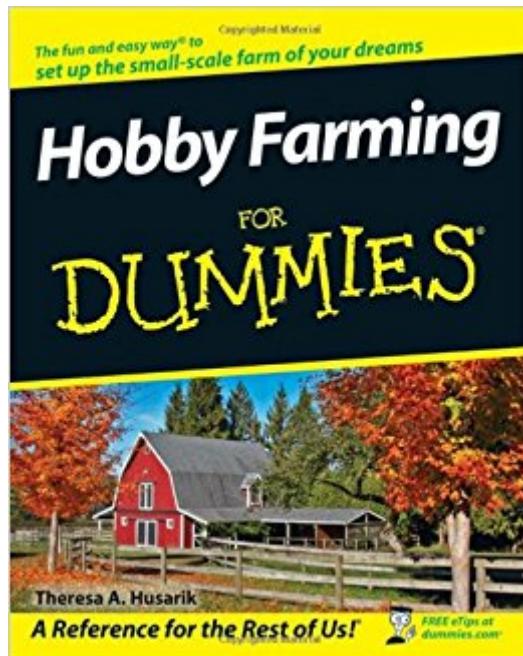


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# Hobby Farming For Dummies



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Do you long for the country life? Hobby Farming For Dummies is a practical guide that will show you how to handle all the basics of small-scale farming, from growing healthy crops to raising livestock and managing your property. You'll see how to decide what to farm, provide shelter and utilities, select plants, and protect your investment. It's all you need to dig in and start growing! You'll get a real idea of what it really means to jump from your current lifestyle to a life farming in the countryside. You'll get the information you need to decide if the farming lifestyle is right for you and your personality. You'll learn everything you need to know about property and how to access a power supply. You'll get practical advice on which animals would work best for your farm and you'll learn how to acquire them and what you need to know about caring for them properly. You'll get help with all of the major decisions like whether you're better off with subsistence farming or a more ambitious project. Find out how to: Make from change to a farm lifestyle Get along with your neighbors Find and buy rural properties Select and maintain equipment Raise and care for animals Use and preserve food items Avoid common farming pitfalls Choose plans for your farm Complete with lists of the ten unique opportunities for fun and the top ten misconceptions about farm living, Hobby Farming For Dummies will help you discover how you can live the simple life.

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This book rates a 4 page review but I am not going to correct all of the oddities. I was given the book as a gift. I read it end to end and I feel like I will never get that time back. Unlike the author I

have a true hobby farm ...she is focused on 5 acres which is not enough for 2 cows....that is the first cause of concern. In short the suggestions are childish at best. She ignores the time it takes to do things....it is hard to describe but a good set of animals and garden can take easily 50 hours a week. She advocates animals as basically yard ornaments which is preposterous and not practical. Llamas are a worthless animal in North America ...the fact that there are dozens on Craig's list for less than the cost of a good roster is something to pause at. Alpacas are useless and no one buys the wool at a rate marginally close to your time invested...but she focuses on these animals as though you could make a second living ...that is absurd at best. This book reads like a spoiled person who has money to toss out the window . I have a hobby farm and I make a lot of money....from my real job. Following this books for advice is as smart as buying tickets on the Titanic....or you could call Dorothy from OZ...she and the scare crow must have written this fiction. A hobby farm can easily cost you 10 or 20k per year with no return if you approach it like this book espouses. I know this from a decade of hard work on my hobby farm. I'm not an idiot nor am I lazy. I will not drone on other than to say that I recommended meeting real farmers and ranchers where ever you have interest in buying. They can guide you as well as people at the local COOPs for farm stuff. Most importantly I would suggest that you look at moving into this hobby slowly. ...I like my farm but I lose 2-5k per year at least.

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