

Few things are as satisfying as raising livestock for food or to graze your pastures as "nature's lawn-mowers." Seasoned handlers and beginners alike will benefit from *Beef Cattle*, a hands-on guide to feeding, handling, and raising a small herd. With helpful tips, full-color photos, and a comprehensive glossary, this book offers everything a small-scale farmer needs to succeed.

From meadow to market!

- Choose the breed that's best for your farm
- Construct practical fencing and shelter
- Keep your herd healthy with a nutritious diet
- Nurture purchased calves or breed your own
- Spot symptoms of common cattle diseases
- Produce hormone-free beef for your family and friends
- Explore cattle resources and Web sites

Plus many other helpful tips!

"Ann Hansen has covered all the bases for those who might be thinking about raising a few beef cattle or for those who already have some animals and want to hone their management skills. I liked the fact that she used her own no-nonsense experiences and mixed in advice from others. The book is a practical, down-to-earth guide that will be helpful to me as I begin to raise a few beef cattle on my own forty-acre farm."

-Jim Massey, Editor, The Country Today

"A great, easy-to-read book for people who are getting started raising beef cattle. I really like the emphasis on using cattle to improve the land and encouraging people to preserve rare breeds."

—Temple Grandin, Associate Professor of Animal Science, Colorado State University, and author of *Animals in Translation*

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