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Beth Hoffman was living the good life: she had a successful career as a journalist and professor, a comfortable home in San Francisco, and plenty of close friends and family. Yet in her late 40s, she and her husband decided to leave the big city and move to his family ranch in Iowa—all for the dream of becoming a farmer, to put into practice everything she had learned over decades of reporting on food and agriculture. There was just one problem: money. Half of America's two million farms made less than \$300 in 2019. Between rising land costs, ever-more expensive equipment, the growing

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uncertainty of the climate, and few options for health care, farming today is a risky business. For many, simply staying afloat is a constant struggle. *Bet the Farm* chronicles this struggle through Beth's eyes as a beginning farmer. She must contend with her father-in-law, who is reluctant to hand over control of the land. Growing oats is good for the environment but ends up being very bad for the wallet. And finding somewhere, in the midst of COVID-19, to slaughter grass-finished beef is a nightmare. The couple also must balance the books, hoping that farming isn't a romantic fantasy that takes every cent of their savings. Even with a decent nest egg and access to land, making ends meet at times seems impossible. And Beth knows full well that she is among the privileged. If Beth can't make it, how can farmers who

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confront racism, lack access to land, or don't have other jobs to fall back on? Bet the Farm is a first-hand account of the perils of farming today and a personal exploration of more just and sustainable ways of producing food. A practical, systems-based approach for a more sustainable farming operation To many people today, using the words "factory" and "farm" in the same sentence is nothing short of sacrilege. In many cases, though, the same sound business practices apply whether you are producing cars or carrots. Author Ben Hartman and other young farmers are increasingly finding that incorporating the best new ideas from business into their farming can drastically cut their wastes and increase their profits, making their farms more environmentally and economically sustainable. By explaining the lean

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system for identifying and eliminating waste and introducing efficiency in every aspect of the farm operation, The Lean Farm makes the case that small-scale farming can be an attractive career option for young people who are interested in growing food for their community. Working smarter, not harder, also prevents the kind of burnout that start-up farmers often encounter in the face of long, hard, backbreaking labor. Lean principles grew out of the Japanese automotive industry, but they are now being followed on progressive farms around the world. Using examples from his own family's one-acre community-supported farm in Indiana, Hartman clearly instructs other small farmers in how to incorporate lean practices in each step of their production chain, from starting a farm and harvesting

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crops to training employees and selling goods. While the intended audience for this book is small-scale farmers who are part of the growing local food movement, Hartman's prescriptions for high-value, low-cost production apply to farms and businesses of almost any size or scale that hope to harness the power of lean in their production processes. Children will develop early literacy skills and build faith as they read fun stories about Sam, Hercules, Porkchop, Jenny and Farmer Bob.

One of the largest volunteer movements in the twentieth century, local farm and home bureau organizations have been woefully underrepresented in socio-political studies of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Nancy K. Berlage addresses this omission with an insightful look at how bureau members put university science to work in

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agricultural and rural life at the local level, even while industrialization, and urbanization profoundly shifted the landscape of labor in the U.S. In *Farmers Helping Farmers*, Berlage explores how bureaus served as the locus of science-based agriculture for rural communities. Drawing on community bonds and culturally powerful metaphors to overcome skepticism, bureaus played a critical role in circulating knowledge grounded in the new disciplines of agricultural economics, rural sociology, home economics, veterinary medicine, child science, and public health. Throughout the book, Berlage weaves a novel consideration of women's roles into the story of farm and home bureaus, noting that these organizations served as places where supporters could grapple with issues beyond farming practices such as

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child welfare, personal health, and gender ideals. They were also crucial in supporting the organization's underlying mission to strengthen community and family ties to the benefit of more efficient and productive farm. In addition to bureau documents, Berlage draws from cartoons, films, photographs, and personal correspondence, to add a human dimension this organizational history. The resultant analysis offers a fresh look at the local bureaus' social, economic, cultural, and political functions and book highlights the organizations' significant influence on American life in the early twentieth century.

A Table-to-farm Book about Food and Farming

A Successful Grower's Handbook for Small-scale Organic Farming

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The New American Farmer

Stanley the Farmer

Betting on the Farm

Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for  
Sustainability

Ultimate Guide to Farm Mechanics

Growing Food for Profit on Leased and  
Borrowed Land

*Grow better not bigger with  
proven low-tech, human-scale,  
biointensive farming methods*

*Six containers of heirloom  
tomatoes, miniature squashes,  
and herbs on your back patio or  
six acres of beets, cabbages, and  
strawberries? Five chickens and  
a honey bee hive or a small farm  
with three dozen sheep and a  
couple of quarter horses?*

*Regardless of the size of your  
"field of dreams," Essential Guide  
to Hobby Farming is your best*



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*first step to making that hobby-farm aspiration a pleasurable and profitable reality. A hobby farmer for the past thirty years, Carol Ekarius shares the joys, challenges, and rewards of living the rural life. Hobby farming is as much a state of mind as it is an address in the country, and this instructive, beautifully photographed manual addresses every topic beginning hobby farmers need to know, from purchasing the right land and equipment to choosing and maintaining crops and livestock to marketing and selling your hobby farm's yield. TOPICS DISCUSSED INSIDE: -Assessing finances and resources—land, water, tools of the trade (trucks, tractors, various implements)*

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*-Choosing the best crops for your land, climate, hardiness, and profitability -Selecting and caring for the livestock—chickens, goats, cows, sheep, etc.—that best fits your hobby farm*

*-Protecting crops and livestock against predators, pests, and disease -Business and marketing options for selling your “local food” directly to restaurants and farmers’ markets and through CSA programs -Preserving the harvest, through canning, drying, and freezing, plus over two dozen original recipes for your homegrown produce*

**NEW FOR THE SECOND EDITION:**

*Expanded section on chickens, including urban and suburban accommodations; honey bee keeping; adding a barn or annex*

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*building to the farm; trends in planting, including miniature vegetables, heirloom varieties, and “hot” new vegetables and hybrids; adding flower beds to the property; getting involved with a CSA*

*“When I grow up, I want to be a veterinarian!” With stickers, fill-out forms, and pop-out pieces, this fun activity book for kids aged 3–7 includes everything aspiring vets need to provide top-notch care for their stuffed animal friends. Veterinary equipment — from a pop-out stethoscope to bottles of pretend treatments — and essential supplies including signs for welcoming patients, examination checklists, and bandage stickers for fixing boo-boos, make this*

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*colorful, interactive book a source of fun and creative role-play that sparks the imagination while reinforcing early math, science, and literacy skills.*

*For more than four decades, the self-described "contrary farmer" and writer Gene Logsdon has commented on the state of American agriculture. In Letter to a Young Farmer, his final book of essays, Logsdon addresses the next generation--young people who are moving back to the land to enjoy a better way of life as small-scale "garden farmers." It's a lifestyle that isn't defined by accumulating wealth or by the "get big or get out" agribusiness mindset. Instead, it's one that recognizes the beauty of nature, cherishes the land, respects our*

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*fellow creatures, and values rural traditions. It's one that also looks forward and embraces "right technologies," including new and innovative ways of working smarter, not harder, and avoiding premature burnout. Completed only a few weeks before the author's death, Letter to a Young Farmer is a remarkable testament to the life and wisdom of one of the greatest rural philosophers and writers of our time. Gene's earthy wit and sometimes irreverent humor combines with his valuable perspectives on many wide-ranging subjects--everything from how to show a ram who's boss to enjoying the almost churchlike calmness of a well-built livestock barn. Reading this*

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*book is like sitting down on the porch with a neighbor who has learned the ways of farming through years of long observation and practice. Someone, in short, who has "seen it all" and has much to say, and much to teach us, if we only take the time to listen and learn. And Gene Logsdon was the best kind of teacher: equal parts storyteller, idealist, and rabble-rouser. His vision of a nation filled with garden farmers, based in cities, towns, and countrysides, will resonate with many people, both young and old, who long to create a more sustainable, meaningful life for themselves and a better world for all of us. On the Farm with Farmer Bob I Want to Be a Vet Activity Book*

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*How to Be a Farmer*

*Farm City*

*100 Stickers & Pop-Outs*

*Improving Data Collection and  
Measurement of Complex Farms*

*Practical Farmers' Legacy*

*Letters Project*

*The Lean Farm*

A hardworking duck is rescued from life with a lazy old farmer in this classic tale of justice.

Farmer Duck isn't your average duck. This duck cooks and cleans, tends the fields, and cares for the other animals on the farm—all because the owner of the farm is too lazy to do these things himself. But when Farmer Duck finally collapses from exhaustion, the

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farmyard animals come to the rescue with a simple but heroic plan.

An approachable, comprehensive guide to the modern world of vegetables, from the leading grower of specialty vegetables in the country Near the shores of Lake Erie is a family-owned farm with a humble origin story that has become the most renowned specialty vegetable grower in America. After losing their farm in the early 1980s, a chance encounter with a French-trained chef at their farmers' market stand led the Jones family to remake their



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business and learn to grow unique ingredients that were considered exotic at the time, like microgreens and squash blossoms. They soon discovered chefs across the country were hungry for these prized ingredients, from Thomas Keller in Napa Valley to Daniel Boulud in New York City. Today, they provide exquisite vegetables for restaurants and home cooks across the country. The Chef's Garden grows and harvests with the notion that every part of the plant offers something unique for the plate. From a perfect-tasting carrot, to a tiny red royal turnip, to a

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pencil lead-thin cucumber still attached to its blossom, The Chef's Garden is constantly innovating to grow vegetables sustainably and with maximum flavor. It's a Willy Wonka factory for vegetables. In this guide and cookbook, The Chef's Garden, led by Farmer Lee Jones, shares with readers the wealth of knowledge they've amassed on how to select, prepare, and cook vegetables. Featuring more than 500 entries, from herbs, to edible flowers, to varieties of commonly known and not-so-common produce, this book will be a new bible for farmers'

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market shoppers and home cooks. With 100 recipes created by the head chef at The Chef's Garden Culinary Vegetable Institute, readers will learn innovative techniques to transform vegetables in their kitchens with dishes such as Ramp Top Pasta, Seared Rack of Brussels Sprouts, and Cornbread-Stuffed Zucchini Blossoms, and even sweet concoctions like Onion Caramel and Beet Marshmallows. The future of cuisine is vegetables, and Jones and The Chef's Garden are on the forefront of this revolution.

Aside from animals, there are

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also plenty of greens to see at the farm. Read on to identify some of the crops normally seen in farms. This relaxing picture book is the perfect tool to introduce the concept of farming to your little ones. Enjoy browsing through this book and feel free to add facts not written!

In May 1967, internationally renowned activist Fannie Lou Hamer purchased forty acres of land in the Mississippi Delta, launching the Freedom Farms Cooperative (FFC). A community-based rural and economic development project, FFC would grow to over 600

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acres, offering a means for local sharecroppers, tenant farmers, and domestic workers to pursue community wellness, self-reliance, and political resistance. Life on the cooperative farm presented an alternative to the second wave of northern migration by African Americans--an opportunity to stay in the South, live off the land, and create a healthy community based upon building an alternative food system as a cooperative and collective effort. Freedom Farmers expands the historical narrative of the black freedom struggle to

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embrace the work, roles, and contributions of southern black farmers and the organizations they formed. Whereas existing scholarship generally views agriculture as a site of oppression and exploitation of black people, this book reveals agriculture as a site of resistance and provides a historical foundation that adds meaning and context to current conversations around the resurgence of food justice/sovereignty movements in urban spaces like Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, New York City, and New Orleans.

Calving Season on a Family

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Farm

On Food, Farming, and Our  
Future

A Practical How-To Guide for  
the Farmer

The Farmer's Office

The Future of Family Farms

How to Live Richly without  
Wealth on the New Garden

Farm

An Ancient Guide to Life on the  
Land

A Year of Food and Life on a  
Sustainable Farm

How can you help at the farm?

There are lots of fun activities  
that you can do in the farm!

Open this book to find out about  
some of them! Reading with

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pictures encourages higher levels of understanding because you are not only taught by words but by pictures, too. Go ahead and secure a copy of this book today!

With its fertile soil and more than a century of agricultural heritage, Wisconsin ranks #2 in the nation for its number of organic farms, second only to California. From the boho-chic Driftless Region to cherry orchards hugging Lake Michigan in Door County—not to mention pizza farms nestled along the Mississippi River—the Dairy State is the ideal vacation for farm-loving travelers in search of authentic culinary experiences. Whether it's



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stepping into a cranberry bog or sipping cider fermented from antique-apple orchards, this book's profiles of farms (and its farmers) has that itinerary covered. The agritourism opportunities abound throughout the state: farm stays, pick your owns, trail rides, farming museums, county fairs, cheese trails, dairy centers, wine tastings, petting zoos, tree farms, farmer's markets, and so much more.

Describes the challenges and rewards faced by modern farms in the Midwest, and looks at the seasonal milestones of rural life  
A reference and instruction guide to the mechanics of

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working the land. The Ultimate Guide to Farm Mechanics combines three classic farming texts for the first time, compiling knowledge from the best sources published as far back as 1884. A comprehensive reference book that belongs in any farming household today, it offers an array of farm knowledge for both experts and amateurs alike. The book is divided into three parts: the first covers general skills such as woodworking and blacksmithing, the second is dedicated to farm engines and how to run them, and the third teaches readers how to construct classic labor-saving devices such as an effective

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milking stool, plowing gear for a kicking mule, and a nest for egg-eating hens. Readers are taught to mend broken tools, make fertilizer and corn fodder, buy engine parts, and manage gasoline engines safely and economically. Filled with intricate illustrations, photos, and diagrams, *Ultimate Guide to Farm Mechanics* offers a wealth of knowledge still indispensable to the modern-day farmer. Both the casual and amateur reader will learn valuable lessons from the old teachers of early twentieth-century farming in the United States.

*The North Dakota Nine and the Fight to Save the Family Farm*

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A New Deal for Farm and Farmer

10 Books for Growing Readers

The Ecology, Economy, and

Practice of a Family Farm

The Dollars and Sense of

Growing Food in America

A Modern Guide to Common and

Unusual Vegetables--with

Recipes

The Urban Farmer

The Market Gardener

*“[A] lyrical portrait of a central Illinois sustainable farm . . . Brockman covers*

*her subject with hard-earned expertise*

*and organic passion.” —Publishers*

*Weekly Henry’s Farm, run by Henry*

*Brockman, is in central Illinois—some of the richest farming land in the world.*

*There, he and his family—five*

*generations of farmers, including sister*

*Terra, the author—have bucked the*

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*traditional agribusiness conventional wisdom by farming in a way that's sensible, sustainable, and focused on producing healthy, nutritious food in ways that don't despoil the land. Terra Brockman tells the story of her family and their life on the farm in the form of a year-long memoir (with recipes) that takes readers through each season. Studded with vignettes, digressions, photographs, family stories, and illustrations of the farm's vivid plant life, the book is a one-of-a-kind treasure that will appeal to readers of Michael Pollan, E. B. White, Gretel Ehrlich, and Sandra Steingraber. "Here's what you get when the farmer's sister turns out to be a masterful writer: a compelling argument for rebuilding our nation's food security that is threaded within a lyrical, funny, suspenseful narrative of life on her brother's Illinois farm."* —Sandra

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*Steingraber, author of Having Faith  
“Terra Brockman's new book is such a  
delightful synergy of poetic inspiration  
and realistic descriptions of life on a  
farm. Here is everything from the joy and  
satisfaction of growing garlic and raising  
turkeys, to tending fruit trees and growing  
vegetables . . . Given the recent renewed  
interest in gardening and urban farming,  
the appearance of this inspiring book  
could not be more timely.” —Frederick  
Kirschenmann, president, Stone Barns  
Center for Food and Agriculture  
A totally modern, all-purpose handbook  
for today's agricultural  
dreamers—covering the challenges and  
triumphs of launching any successful  
farm—from two leading lights in  
sustainable farming Do you dream of  
starting your own farm but wonder where  
to begin? Or do you already have a farm  
but wish to become more sustainable to*

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*compete in today's market? Start Your Farm, the first comprehensive business guide of its kind, covers these essential questions and more: Why be a farmer in the 21st century? Do you have what it takes? What does sustainable really mean, and how can a small (as little as one acre) to midsize farm survive alongside commodity-scale agriculture? How do you access education, land, and other needs with limited capital? How can you reap an actual profit, including a return on land investment? How do you build connections with employees, colleagues, and customers? At the end of the day, how do you measure success? (Hint: Cash your lifestyle paycheck.) More than a practical guide, Start Your Farm is a hopeful call to action for anyone who aspires to grow wholesome, environmentally sustainable food for a living. Take it from Forrest Pritchard*

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*and Ellen Polishuk: Making this dream a reality is not for the faint of heart, but it's well within reach—and there's no greater satisfaction under the sun!*

*An agricultural revolution is sweeping the land. Appreciation for high-quality food, often locally grown, an awareness of the fragility of our farmlands, and a new generation of young people interested in farming, animals, and respect for the earth have come together to create a new agrarian community. To this group of farmers, chefs, activists, and visionaries, *Letters to a Young Farmer* is addressed. Three dozen esteemed leaders of the changes that made this revolution possible speak to the highs and lows of farming life in vivid and personal letters specially written for this collaboration. Barbara Kingsolver speaks to the tribe of farmers—some born to it, many self-selected—with love, admiration, and*



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*regret. Dan Barber traces the rediscovery of lost grains and foodways. Michael Pollan bridges the chasm between agriculture and nature. Bill McKibben connects the early human quest for beer to the modern challenge of farming in a rapidly changing climate. Letters to a Young Farmer is a vital road map of how we eat and farm, and why now, more than ever before, we need farmers.*

*Down on the farm, there's seeds to be sown. Stanley has to get on his tractor and plough the field. There's lots to be done, and friends to help him out, but will the seeds grow? Join Stanley and friends for an out-of-doors adventure in this colourful new series from William Bee...*

*A Year in the Life of an American Farmer*

*Tools, Tips and Templates to Successfully Manage a Growing Farm Business*  
*Farm*

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*Farming While Black*

*How to Minimize Waste, Increase  
Efficiency, and Maximize Value and  
Profits with Less Work*

*Farm Fresh Minnesota Recipes and  
Stories*

*Fruitful Labor*

*Farm Crops! Plants That Grow on Farms  
(Farming for Kids) - Children's Books on  
Farm Life*

A delightful anthology of  
classical Greek and Roman  
writings celebrating country  
living—ranging from a  
philosophy of compost to  
hymns to the gods of  
agriculture Whether you farm  
or garden, live in the country  
or long to move there, or  
simply enjoy an occasional  
rural retreat, you will be

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*delighted by this cornucopia of writings about living and working on the land, harvested from the fertile fields of ancient Greek and Roman literature. An inspiring antidote to the digital age, How to Be a Farmer evokes the beauty and bounty of nature with a rich mixture of philosophy, practical advice, history, and humor. Together, these timeless reflections on what the Greeks called boukolika and the Romans res rusticae provide an entertaining and enlightening guide to a more meaningful and sustainable way of life. In fresh translations by classicist and farmer M. D. Usher, with*

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*the original texts on facing pages, Hesiod praises the dignity of labor; Plato describes the rustic simplicity of his ideal republic; Varro dedicates a farming manual to his wife, Fundania ("Mrs. Farmer"); and Vergil idealizes farmers as residents of the Golden Age. In other selections, Horace extols the joys of simple living at his cherished country farm; Pliny the Elder explains why all culture stems from agriculture; Columella praises donkeys and tells how to choose a ram or a dog; Musonius Rufus argues that farming is the best livelihood for a philosopher; and there is much more. Proof*

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*that farming is ultimately a state of mind we should all cultivate, How to Be a Farmer will charm anyone who loves nature or its fruits.*

*Over 90 recipes reflecting Minnesota's revered farm-to-table values. The Farmer and the Chef: Farm Fresh Minnesota Recipes and Stories is a collection of farmer-forward writings and chef-driven recipes, giving readers an inside look into the life of food and farming in the Land of 10,000 Lakes. Expansive stretches of Minnesota farmland and rural communities mix with urban farms and vibrant cities to*

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*yield unique food partnerships and delicious farm-to-table fare. Recipes from breakfast to dessert, accompanied by stunning photography and farmers' real-life stories, showcase the struggles and triumphs of Minnesota farmers, as well as the bounty they harvest. Highlights include organic steel cut oatmeal with black currant blueberry jam, North Shore bouillabaisse, grilled hanger steak with swiss chard and tomato, and cherry-glazed madeleines.*

*There are twenty million acres of lawns in North America. In their current form, these unproductive expanses of*

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*grass represent a significant financial and environmental cost. However, viewed through a different lens, they can also be seen as a tremendous source of opportunity. Access to land is a major barrier for many people who want to enter the agricultural sector, and urban and suburban yards have huge potential for would-be farmers wanting to become part of this growing movement. The Urban Farmer is a comprehensive, hands-on, practical manual to help you learn the techniques and business strategies you need to make a good living growing high-yield, high-value crops*

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*right in your own backyard (or someone else's). Major benefits include: Low capital investment and overhead costs Reduced need for expensive infrastructure Easy access to markets Growing food in the city means that fresh crops may travel only a few blocks from field to table, making this innovative approach the next logical step in the local food movement. Based on a scalable, easily reproduced business model, The Urban Farmer is your complete guide to minimizing risk and maximizing profit by using intensive production in small leased or borrowed spaces.*



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*Curtis Stone is the owner/operator of Green City Acres, a commercial urban farm growing vegetables for farmers markets, restaurants, and retail outlets. During his slower months, Curtis works as a public speaker, teacher, and consultant, sharing his story to inspire a new generation of farmers.*

*An examination of Latino/a immigrant farmers as they transition from farmworkers to farm owners that offers a new perspective on racial inequity and sustainable farming.*

*Although the majority of farms in the United States have US-born owners who identify as*

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*white, a growing number of new farmers are immigrants, many of them from Mexico, who originally came to the United States looking for work in agriculture. In The New American Farmer, Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern explores the experiences of Latino/a immigrant farmers as they transition from farmworkers to farm owners, offering a new perspective on racial inequity and sustainable farming. She finds that many of these new farmers rely on farming practices from their home countries—including growing multiple crops simultaneously, using integrated pest*

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*management, maintaining small-scale production, and employing family labor—most of which are considered alternative farming techniques in the United States. Drawing on extensive interviews with farmers and organizers, Minkoff-Zern describes the social, economic, and political barriers immigrant farmers must overcome, from navigating USDA bureaucracy to racialized exclusion from opportunities. She discusses, among other topics, the history of discrimination against farm laborers in the United States; the invisibility of Latino/a farmers to government and*

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*universities; new farmers' sense of agrarian and racial identity; and the future of the agrarian class system. Minkoff-Zern argues that immigrant farmers, with their knowledge and experience of alternative farming practices, are—despite a range of challenges—actively and substantially contributing to the movement for an ecological and sustainable food system. Scholars and food activists should take notice.*

*The How-To Manual for  
Creating a Hobby Farm  
Farmer Duck*

*Soul Fire Farm's Practical Guide  
to Liberation on the Land*

*Wisconsin Farms and Farmers*

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Markets

*Miraculous Abundance*

*Right this Very Minute*

*Farming Jobs! Fun Jobs to Do  
on the Farm! (Farming for Kids)*

*- Children's Books on Farm Life*

*The Entrepreneur's Guide to  
Start and Succeed in a Farm  
Enterprise*

***Japan Agricultural  
Cooperatives (JA), a  
nationwide network of  
farm cooperatives, is  
under increasing  
pressure to expand  
farmer incomes by  
adapting coop strategies  
to changing market  
incentives. Some coops***

***have adapted more successfully than others. In Betting on the Farm, Patricia L. Maclachlan and Kay Shimizu attribute these differences to three sets of local variables: resource endowments and product-specific market conditions, coop leadership, and the organization of farmer-members behind new coop strategies. Using in-depth case studies and profiles of different types of farmers, Betting on the Farm also explores the evolution of the formal***

***and informal institutional foundations of postwar agriculture; the electoral sources of JA's influence; the interactive effects of economic liberalization and demographic pressures (an aging farm population and acute shortage of farm successors) on the propensity for change within the farm sector; and the diversification of Japan's traditional farm households and the implications for farmer ties with JA.***

***The Bec Hellouin model***

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***for growing food,  
sequestering carbon,  
creating jobs, and  
increasing biodiversity  
without using fossil fuels  
When Charles and Perrine  
Hervé-Gruyer set out to  
create their farm in an  
historic Normandy  
village, they had no idea  
just how much their lives  
would change. Neither  
one had ever farmed  
before. Charles had been  
circumnavigating the  
globe by sail, operating a  
floating school that  
taught students about  
ecology and indigenous***



***cultures. Perrine had been an international lawyer in Japan. Each had returned to France to start a new life.***

***Eventually, Perrine joined Charles in Normandy, and Le Ferme du Bec Hellouin was born. Bec Hellouin has since become a celebrated model of innovative, ecological agriculture in Europe, connected to national and international organizations addressing food security, heralded by celebrity chefs as well as the Slow Food***

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***movement, and featured in the inspiring César and COLCOA award-winning documentary film, Demain ("Tomorrow"). Miraculous Abundance is the eloquent tale of the couple's evolution from creating a farm to sustain their family to delving into an experiment in how to grow the most food possible, in the most ecological way possible, and create a farm model that can carry us into a post-carbon future—when oil is no longer moving goods and services,***

**energy is scarcer, and  
localization is a must.  
Today, the farm produces  
a variety of vegetables  
using a mix of  
permaculture, bio-  
intensive, four-season,  
and natural farming  
techniques--as well as  
techniques gleaned from  
native cultures around  
the world. It has some  
animals for eggs and  
milk, horses for farming,  
a welcome center, a farm  
store, a permaculture  
school, a bread oven for  
artisan breads,  
greenhouses, a cidery,**

***and a forge. It has also become the site of research focusing on how small organic farms like theirs might confront Europe's (and the world's) projected food crisis. But in this honest and engaging account of the trials and joys of their uncompromising effort, readers meet two people who are farming the future as much as they are farming their land. They envision farms like theirs someday being the hub for a host of other businesses that can drive***

***rural communities—from bread makers and grain millers to animal care givers and other tradespeople. Market farmers and home gardeners alike will find much in these pages, but so will those who've never picked up a hoe. The couple's account of their quest to design an almost Edenlike farm, hone their practices, and find new ways to feed the world is an inspiring tale. It is also a love letter to a future in which people increasingly live in rural***

***communities that rely on traditional skills, locally created and purveyed goods and services, renewable energy, and greater local governance, but are also connected to the larger world.***

***"Instead of taking us through his work, season by season, crop by crop--the narrative approach--Madison explores his farm and its methods analytically, from many overlapping angles. The result is profoundly interesting."***  
***-- The New York Review***

***of Books As the average age of America's farmers continues to rise, we face serious questions about what farming will look like in the near future, and who will be growing our food. Many younger people are interested in going into agriculture, especially organic farming, but cannot find affordable land, or lack the conceptual framework and practical information they need to succeed in a job that can be both difficult and deeply fulfilling. In***

***Fruitful Labor, Mike Madison meticulously describes the ecology of his own small family farm in the Sacramento Valley of California. He covers issues of crop ecology such as soil fertility, irrigation needs, and species interactions, as well as the broader agroecological issues of the social, economic, regulatory, and technological environments in which the farm operates. The final section includes an extensive analysis of***



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***sustainability on every level. Pithy, readable, and highly relevant, this book covers both the ecology and the economy of a truly sustainable agriculture. Although Madison's farm is unique, the broad lessons he has gleaned from his more than three decades as an organic farmer will resonate strongly with the new generation of farmers who work the land, wherever they might live. \*This book is part of Chelsea Green Publishing's NEW***

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**A delicious celebration of food and farming sure to inspire readers of all ages to learn more about where their food comes from - right this very minute! Here are the stories of what farmers really do to bring food to the table.**

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**disproportionately live in "food apartheid" neighborhoods and suffer from diet-related illness. The system is built on stolen land and stolen labor and needs a redesign. Farming While Black is the first comprehensive "how to" guide for aspiring African-heritage growers to reclaim their dignity as agriculturists and for all farmers to understand the distinct, technical contributions of African-heritage people to sustainable agriculture. At Soul Fire Farm, author Leah Penniman co-created the Black and Latinx Farmers Immersion (BLFI) program as a container for new farmers to share growing skills in a culturally relevant and supportive environment led by people of color.**

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**leader in the food justice movement. The technical information is designed for farmers and gardeners with beginning to intermediate experience. For those with more experience, the book provides a fresh lens on practices that may have been taken for granted as ahistorical or strictly European. Black ancestors and contemporaries have always been leaders--and continue to lead--in the sustainable agriculture and food justice movements. It is time for all of us to listen.**

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**and planted, and crops are harvested. The winters are quiet, but there are always chores to be done, and soon spring will come again. This new edition of a popular favorite has been vetted by an agricultural scientist and includes updated farming procedures and shows new safety equipment for family farms. "Simple stylized shapes and clear bright colors make Gibbons' landscapes easy for young children to comprehend." --Booklist "Gibbons depicts aspects of farm life with her characteristic bright colors and stylized forms. Every season brings its own specific chores, indoors and out, its own crops and its own food. There are the forces of nature, and the ways the farmer**



**harnesses or copes with the elements using mechanical**

**devices."--Publishers Weekly**

**A monumental transfer of farmland is occurring in the United States.**

**The average American farmer is fifty-eight years old, and the 40 percent of farmland owners who lease their land to others are even older: sixty-six on average. Five times as many farmers are over sixty-five as are under thirty-five. What will happen to this land? Who will own it? What if one child wants to farm but can't afford to buy out the nonfarming siblings? What if keeping the farm in the family means foregoing the significant profits that could be earned from selling it? These sometimes painful**

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**and divisive questions confront many farmers and farmland owners today. How they answer them will shape their families and the land for generations to come. The Farm Legacy Letters project, developed by the member-driven nonprofit Practical Farmers of Iowa, is designed to help farmers and farmland owners think about their farm's future and talk about it with their families. An essential complement to handbooks on business succession, this book gathers the letters and stories of midwestern families about the land they cherish—how they acquired it, what they treasure most about it, and their hopes for its future. Some of the writers descend from families**

**who have owned a particular patch of the earth since the 1800s, while others became farmland owners more recently—one as recently as 2015. Some are no longer farmland owners at all, because—after careful thought about what mattered most to them—they sold their land to the next generation of farmers. All of these writers hope that, by sharing their farmland legacies, they will encourage others to ponder and then write about the histories, accomplishments, challenges, and hopes for their farmland for the generations who come after they are gone.**

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The Rise of the Farm and Home  
Bureaus, 1914-1935**

Urban and rural collide in  
this wry, inspiring memoir  
of a woman who turned a  
vacant lot in downtown  
Oakland into a thriving  
farm Novella Carpenter  
loves cities—the culture,  
the crowds, the energy. At  
the same time, she can't  
shake the fact that she is  
the daughter of two back-

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to-the-land hippies who taught her to love nature and eat vegetables.

Ambivalent about repeating her parents' disastrous mistakes, yet drawn to the idea of backyard self-sufficiency, Carpenter decided that it might be possible to have it both ways: a homegrown vegetable plot as well as museums, bars, concerts, and a twenty-four-hour convenience mart mere minutes away. Especially when she moved to a ramshackle house in inner city Oakland and discovered a weed-choked,

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garbage-strewn abandoned lot next door. She closed her eyes and pictured heirloom tomatoes, a beehive, and a chicken coop. What started out as a few egg-laying chickens led to turkeys, geese, and ducks. Soon, some rabbits joined the fun, then two three-hundred-pound pigs. And no, these charming and eccentric animals weren't pets; she was a farmer, not a zookeeper. Novella was raising these animals for dinner. Novella Carpenter's corner of downtown Oakland is populated by unforgettable

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characters. Lana (anal spelled backward, she reminds us) runs a speakeasy across the street and refuses to hurt even a fly, let alone condone raising turkeys for Thanksgiving. Bobby, the homeless man who collects cars and car parts just outside the farm, is an invaluable neighborhood concierge. The turkeys, Harold and Maude, tend to escape on a daily basis to cavort with the prostitutes hanging around just off the highway nearby. Every day on this strange and

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beautiful farm, urban meets rural in the most surprising ways. For anyone who has ever grown herbs on their windowsill, tomatoes on their fire escape, or obsessed over the offerings at the local farmers' market, Carpenter's story will capture your heart. And if you've ever considered leaving it all behind to become a farmer outside the city limits, or looked at the abandoned lot next door with a gleam in your eye, consider this both a cautionary tale and a full-throated call to action.



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Farm City is an unforgettably charming memoir, full of hilarious moments, fascinating farmers' tips, and a great deal of heart. It is also a moving meditation on urban life versus the natural world and what we have given up to live the way we do.

First published, titled "The cow book: a story of life on an Irish family farm," in Great Britain by Granta Books, 2018.

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in their businesses You decided to become a farmer because you love being outside, working the land and making a difference in the way we eat and farm. And when you decided to become a farmer, you also became an entrepreneur and business person. In order to be ecologically and financially sustainable, you must understand the basics of accounting and bookkeeping, and learn how to manage a growing business. Author Julia Shanks distills years of teaching and business consulting with farmers

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into this comprehensive, accessible guide. She covers all aspects of launching, running and growing a successful farm business through effective bookkeeping and business management, providing tools to make managerial decisions, apply for a loan or other financing, and offering general business and strategy advice for growing a business. Whether you've been farming for many years or just getting started, The Farmer's Office gives you the tools needed to think like an

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entrepreneur and thoughtfully manage your business for success. Julia Shanks works with food and agricultural entrepreneurs to achieve financial and operational sustainability. She has worked with a range of beginning and established farmers, providing technical assistance and business coaching that has allowed them to launch, stabilize and grow their ventures. A frequent lecturer on sustainable food systems and accounting, she sits on the advisory board of

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Future Chefs and is the regional leader of Slow Money Boston. Together with Brett Grohsgal, she is also co-author of The Farmers Market Cookbook . Fires, floods, hurricanes, drought and extended periods of heat - extreme, 'once in a lifetime' weather events now happen frequently and over prolonged periods. 'There is no normal anymore, all we have is abnormal, ' says Cynthia Daley, professor with the College of Agriculture at CSU, Chico. 'Maybe we have ten years to turn this around.

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We need all hands on deck to do this. We have to elevate consciousness to what is happening.'

Improving and maintaining soil health are at the center of any such effort. Marianne Landzettel looks back at the Dust Bowl era to show what happens when fertile soil is carried away by dust storms. The agrichemical industry promises to end world hunger with genetically engineered seeds, chemical fertilizer and pesticides - she saw the consequences of this approach on Hawai'i. Travelling the US

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- the east coast, the west coast, the Midwest and the High Plains - she met farmers and ranchers who use methods of regenerative and organic agriculture. Their farms and ranches are proof that agriculture can be part of the climate solution while delivering plenty of healthy food. Their main focus is on soil quality. And by enhancing and maintaining it they make sure that future generations will be able to grow food, too. Letters to a Young Farmer Tours, Trails and

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**The Chef's Garden**

*America's farms and farmers are integral to the U.S. economy and, more broadly, to the nation's social and cultural fabric. A healthy agricultural sector helps ensure a safe and reliable food supply, improves energy security, and contributes to employment and economic development, traditionally in small towns and rural areas where farming serves as a nexus for related*



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sectors from farm machinery manufacturing to food processing. The agricultural sector also plays a role in the nation's overall economic growth by providing crucial raw inputs for the production of a wide range of goods and services, including many that generate substantial export value. If the agricultural sector is to be accurately understood and the policies that affect its functioning are to remain well informed, the statistical system's data collection programs must be periodically revisited to ensure they are keeping up with current realities. This report reviews current

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information and makes recommendations to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and Economic Research Service (ERS) to help identify effective methods for collecting data and reporting information about American agriculture, given increased complexity and other changes in farm business structure in recent decades.

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