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Now is a time of exciting new developments for live animal power. As the numbers of adherents to this way of life grow, ecologically minded farmers in their fields are developing efficient horse-drawn systems, and equipment manufacturers in small shops all across North America and Europe are coming forth with new innovations in ground-drive technology that have us poised on the cusp of another agricultural revolution—with working horses, mules, donkeys,

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and oxen at the heart of it.

--Publisher

What makes a farm sustainable and successful? And what special qualities and skills are needed for someone to become a successful farmer? Rebecca Thistlethwaite addresses these and other crucial questions in this uniquely important book, which is a must-read for anyone who aspires to get into farming, or who wants to make their farm business more dynamic, profitable, and, above all, sustainable. Over an entire year, the author and her husband-experienced farmers themselves-took a sabbatical and traveled the length and breadth of the United States to live and work alongside some of the nation's

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most innovative farmers. Along the way they learned about best practices, and a whole lot about what doesn't work. Farms with a Future shares this collective wisdom in an inspirational yet practical manner; it will help beginners avoid many of the common mistakes that first-time farmers make. Just as importantly, it discusses positive ideas that can help make any farm enterprise vibrant and financially profitable. Profiles of more than a dozen representative farms help round out the invaluable information and encourage farmers to embrace their inner entrepreneur. Younger growers, in particular, will benefit by learning about "the right stuff"

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from both their peers and longtime experts. This book provides a useful reference for beginning and experienced farmers alike. While many other books address agricultural production, there are very few that talk about business management for long-term sustainability. Farms with a Future offers an approachable, colorful take on building a triple-bottom-line farming business. Mini Farming describes a holistic approach to small-area farming that will show you how to produce 85 percent of an average family's food on just a quarter acre—and earn \$10,000 in cash annually while spending less than half the time that an ordinary job would require. Even

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if you have never been a farmer or a gardener, this book covers everything you need to know to get started: buying and saving seeds, starting seedlings, establishing raised beds, soil fertility practices, composting, dealing with pest and disease problems, crop rotation, farm planning, and much more. Because self-sufficiency is the objective, subjects such as raising backyard chickens and home canning are also covered along with numerous methods for keeping costs down and production high. Materials, tools, and techniques are detailed with photographs, tables, diagrams, and illustrations. George Orwell was a much-respected English novelist, who

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wrote some of the finest pieces in literary criticism, fiction. Orwell's work is known for its simplicity and wit. He wrote with smartness on subjects such as anti-fascism, democratic socialism etc. His best works include "ANIMAL FARM". It's an allegorical novella. It got published in August 1945. The fiction based on Farm animals, the author has named them too. Such as Major (a majestic-looking pig), 3-dogs (Bluebell, Jessie, and Pincher), many hens, pigeons, ducklings, sheeps and cows. Two horses, Boxer and Clover. Amongst them, Major is their leader. He wanted to speak on "the nature of life on this earth" and "How any animal is now living". The author has nicely

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elaborated through these Characters about the animals misery and slavery. Animals complain that despite their hard labour, why then do they continue in the miserable condition? They also complain about human beings that they use to steal nearly the whole of their produce. Their main enemy is - Man. So, remove Man from the scene and the root cause of hunger and overwork will be abolished for ever. The book narrates about the agony of ill-treated farm animals. Then what decision they take and how this Animal Farm born, everything has become very interesting. The ultimate satire on fascism. A must-read book. A Wise, Compassionate, and Illuminating

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Fable for our Times □ **THE NEW
YORK TIMES** □ **Orwell's Satire is
Amplly Broad, Cleverly Conceived,
and Delightfully Written** □ **SAN
FRANCISCO CHRONICLE**

□ ***Absolutely First-Rate...
Comparable to Voltaire and
Swift*** □ **THE NEW YORKER**

Four Futures

***The Resilient Farm and
Homestead***

Stuff You Should Know

***A Complete Guide to Equipment,
Methods, and Management for
Organic Growers***

A Small Farm Future

Small Animals for Small Farms

***Improving Data Collection and
Measurement of Complex Farms***

Regenerative Agriculture offers a
clear and pragmatic approach to

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designing, installing and managing profitable small farms. Small is beautiful, and these 15 real farm plans show that small-scale farmers can have big-time success. Compact Farms is an illustrated guide for anyone dreaming of starting, expanding, or perfecting a profitable farming enterprise on five acres or less. The farm plans explain how to harness an area's water supply, orientation, and geography in order to maximize efficiency and productivity while minimizing effort. Profiles of well-known farmers such as Eliot Coleman and Jean-Martin Fortier show that farming on a small scale in

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any region, in both urban and rural settings, can provide enough income to turn the endeavor from hobby to career. These real-life plans and down-and-dirty advice will equip you with everything you need to actually realize your farm dreams.

A manual for developing durable, beautiful, and highly functional human habitat systems fit to handle an age of rapid transition, written by a land designer and site developer whose permaculture-research farm has drawn national attention.

This books offers a clear and pragmatic approach to

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designing, installing and managing profitable small farms, and is built around working to restore the dignity to rural stewardship through intelligent human-scale farming.

Regenerative farming restores soils and benefits local consumers and communities whilst turning a healthy profit for the diligent farmer. It offers a deep look into the ecological practical, personal and financial realms of making small farms work.

The Market Gardener

Mini Farming

An Innovative Permaculture and Whole Systems Design

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Approach

A Revolution of Small Farms and
Big Flavors

Self-Sufficiency on 1/4 Acre

The Rise and Fall of the Small
Family Farm

Small Cattle for Small Farms

**A wide range of tools and
equipment, from compact
tractors to chainsaws and from
winches to torque wrenches,
are employed on today's
productive and efficiently
organized smallholdings.**

**There are few publications that
provide the smallholder with
comprehensive, technical, and
maintenance information and
this well-illustrated book helps
to fill a gap.**

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There are persistently high rates of fatal incidents and work-related ill health in the agricultural industry. This guidance is designed to help everyone working in the industry achieve good standards of health and safety and reduce injuries and ill health by identifying causes, eliminating hazards and controlling risks. This updated edition is for employers, employees and the self-employed. It covers the management of health and safety, as well as outlining the specific risks of agricultural and horticultural work, giving easy-to-follow, practical advice

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to keep you safe and healthy at work.

At Clay Bottom Farm, author Ben Hartman and staff practice kaizen, or continuous improvement, cutting out more waste--of time, labor, space, money, and more--every year and aligning their organic production more tightly with customer demand. Applied alongside other lean principles originally developed by the Japanese auto industry, the end result has been increased profits and less work. In this field-guide companion to his award-winning first book, *The Lean Farm*, Hartman shows market vegetable growers in

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even more detail how Clay Bottom Farm implements lean thinking in every area of their work, including using kanbans, or replacement signals, to maximize land use; germination chambers to reduce defect waste; and right-sized machinery to save money and labor and increase efficiency. From finding land and assessing infrastructure needs to selling perfect produce at the farmers market, The Lean Farm Guide to Growing Vegetables digs deeper into specific, tested methods for waste-free farming that not only help farmers become more

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successful but make the work more enjoyable. These methods include: Using Japanese paper pot transplanters Building your own germinating chambers Leaning up your greenhouse Making and applying simple composts Using lean techniques for pest and weed control Creating Heijunka, or load-leveling calendars for efficient planning Farming is not static, and improvement requires constant change. The Lean Farm Guide to Growing Vegetables offers strategies for farmers to stay flexible and profitable even in the face of changing weather and

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markets. Much more than a simple exercise in cost-cutting, lean farming is about growing better, not cheaper, food--the food your customers want.

Addressing a topic of major importance to the maintenance of world food supplies, this reference identifies knowledge gaps, defines priorities, and formulates recommendations for the improvement of the rice-wheat farming system.

The book reveals new systems of rice intensification and management and illustrates the application of no-till and conser

**More In-Depth Lean
Techniques for Efficient**

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Organic Production

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

Equipment & Systems for the Small-Scale Farm & Market Garden

15 Proven Plans for Market Farms on 5 Acres or Less; Includes Detailed Farm Layouts for Productivity and Efficiency

Miraculous Abundance

Regenerative Agriculture

Starting with a Smallholding

"Since the middle of the
last century, American farm
policy has taken the nation
into the dead end of
industrial farm production
and food distribution.

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Farming, at its core a biological process, has been transformed into an industrial process, thus demolishing the economic and cultural values upon which the nation was founded. Along the way, small farms have been ridiculed and dismissed as inconsequential -- but now the seeds of a rural renaissance are being planted, not by these industrial behemoths, but by family-scale farms. In this collection of essays by one of America's most eloquent and influential proponents of sustainable agriculture, the multifaceted case for small farms is built using logic and

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facts." -- Publisher's website.

From the duo behind the massively successful and award-winning podcast Stuff You Should Know comes an unexpected look at things you thought you knew. Josh Clark and Chuck Bryant started the podcast Stuff You Should Know back in 2008 because they were curious—curious about the world around them, curious about what they might have missed in their formal educations, and curious to dig deeper on stuff they thought they understood. As it turns out, they aren't the only curious ones. They've since amassed a

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rabid fan base, making Stuff You Should Know one of the most popular podcasts in the world. Armed with their inquisitive natures and a passion for sharing, they uncover the weird, fascinating, delightful, or unexpected elements of a wide variety of topics. The pair have now taken their near-boundless "whys" and "hows" from your earbuds to the pages of a book for the first time—featuring a completely new array of subjects that they've long wondered about and wanted to explore. Each chapter is further embellished with snappy visual material to allow for rabbit-hole

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tangents and digressions—including charts, illustrations, sidebars, and footnotes. Follow along as the two dig into the underlying stories of everything from the origin of Murphy beds, to the history of facial hair, to the psychology of being lost. Have you ever wondered about the world around you, and wished to see the magic in everyday things? Come get curious with Stuff You Should Know. With Josh and Chuck as your guide, there's something interesting about everything (...except maybe jackhammers). Modern farms are pretty neat! They give us all

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enough to eat! This cute and informative book introduces young children to farm life with accurate agriculture depictions of modern farming. Rhyming verse and bright, attention-getting illustrations teach about the many different types of farms, from row crops to fruits and vegetables, to farm animals. This book is meant to delight and inspire both future farmers and future farmers at heart! Jackie Nix, an agricultural scientist and ag professional, uses her technical expertise and artistic skills to proudly tell the story of today's farm life and specialized

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farming technology used to grow food for the entire world. Modern farms are as specialized and diverse as the many delicious foods they provide for us. Whether they are big or small, farms grow the food for one and all!

Gabe Brown didn't set out to change the world when he first started working alongside his father-in-law on the family farm in North Dakota. But as a series of weather-related crop disasters put Brown and his wife, Shelly, in desperate financial straits, they started making bold changes to their farm. Brown--in an effort to simply

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survive--began experimenting with new practices he'd learned about from reading and talking with innovative researchers and ranchers. As he and his family struggled to keep the farm viable, they found themselves on an amazing journey into a new type of farming: regenerative agriculture. Brown dropped the use of most of the herbicides, insecticides, and synthetic fertilizers that are a standard part of conventional agriculture. He switched to no-till planting, started planting diverse cover crops mixes, and changed his grazing practices. In so doing Brown

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transformed a degraded farm ecosystem into one full of life--starting with the soil and working his way up, one plant and one animal at a time. In *Dirt to Soil* Gabe Brown tells the story of that amazing journey and offers a wealth of innovative solutions to our most pressing and complex contemporary agricultural challenge--restoring the soil. The Brown's Ranch model, developed over twenty years of experimentation and refinement, focuses on regenerating resources by continuously enhancing the living biology in the soil. Using regenerative agricultural principles,

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Brown's Ranch has grown several inches of new topsoil in only twenty years! The 5,000-acre ranch profitably produces a wide variety of cash crops and cover crops as well as grass-finished beef and lamb, pastured laying hens, broilers, and pastured pork, all marketed directly to consumers. The key is how we think, Brown says. In the industrial agricultural model, all thoughts are focused on killing things. But that mindset was also killing diversity, soil, and profit, Brown realized. Now he channels his creative thinking toward how he can get more life on the

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land--more plants, animals,
and beneficial insects. "The
greatest roadblock to
solving a problem," Brown
says, "is the human mind."

Modern Farms

A Practical Whole Systems
Guide to Making Small Farms
Work

Making the Case for a
Society Built Around Local
Economies, Self-
Provisioning, Agricultural
Diversity and a Shared Earth

A Citizen's Guide to
Community Supported
Agriculture

Creating and Growing a
Sustainable Farm Business
Sustaining People Through
Agriculture

The Bec Hellouin model for growing food,

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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 movement, and featured in the

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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

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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

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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.

A modern classic of the new agrarianism "Chris Smaje...shows that the choice is clear. Either we have a small farm future, or we face collapse and extinction."—Vandana Shiva "Every young person should read this book."—Richard Heinberg In a groundbreaking debut, farmer and social scientist Chris Smaje argues that organizing society around small-scale farming offers the soundest, sanest and most reasonable response to climate change and other crises of civilisation—and will yield humanity's best chance at survival. Drawing on a vast range of sources from across a multitude of disciplines, *A Small Farm Future* analyses the complex forces that make

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societal change inevitable; explains how low-carbon, locally self-reliant agrarian communities can empower us to successfully confront these changes head on; and explores the pathways for delivering this vision politically.

Challenging both conventional wisdom and utopian blueprints, *A Small Farm Future* offers rigorous original analysis of wicked problems and hidden opportunities in a way that illuminates the path toward functional local economies, effective self-provisioning, agricultural diversity and a shared earth. Perfect for readers of both Wendell Berry and Thomas Piketty, *A Small Farm Future* is a refreshing, new outlook on a way forward for society—and a vital resource for activists, students, policy makers, and anyone looking to enact change.

"*Making Small Farms Work* follows the first seasons setting up what has quickly

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become one of Europe's flagship farm scale Permaculture and regenerative agriculture sites. From a rural situation, nestled in the heart of Scandinavia, Ridgedale is a dedicated high-quality local food producer engaged in educating the next generation of agrarians with the design and management strategies to create farms for the future."--Page 4 of cover.

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

Farmer Duck

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Farms with a Future

Whole Farm Management

Real-world Permaculture for Farmers

An Incomplete Compendium of Mostly Interesting Things

How Symbiotic Fungi Work with Roots to Support Plant Health and Build Soil Fertility

Mycorrhizal Planet

Josh Volk, author of the best-selling Compact Farms, offers small-scale farmers an in-depth guide to building customized equipment that will save time and money and introduce much-needed efficiencies to their operations. Volk begins with the basics,

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such as setting up a workshop and understanding design principles, mechanical principles, and materials properties, then presents plans for making 15 tools suited to small-farm tasks and processes. Each project includes an explanation of the tool's purpose and use, as well as the time commitment, skill level, and equipment required to build it. Projects range from the super-simple (requiring a half-day to build) to

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the more complex, and include how-to photographs and illustrations with variations for customizing the finished implement. Along with instructions for building items such as simple seedling benches, a mini barrel washer, a DIY germination chamber, and a rolling pack table, Volk addresses systems design for farm efficiency, including how to design an effective drip irrigation system and

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how to set up
spreadsheets for
collecting important
planning, planting, and
market data. This
publication conforms to
the EPUB Accessibility
specification at WCAG
2.0 Level AA.

Small cattle breeds are
manageable to control
and care for and perfect
for lifestyle blocks and
small farms. They can be
bred commercially for
beef but their docile
temperaments and small
size also make them
especially suitable for

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hobby farms. As more people have turned to the country for a 'tree change', interest in these breeds has grown tremendously. In this new edition of her popular book *Small Cattle for Small Farms*, award-winning cattle breeder Margo Hayes provides practical and easy-to-understand information for people interested in keeping small cattle for a range of reasons. The book assumes no prior experience with cattle

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and covers all the basics to help you set up an enjoyable and viable small farm, including: types of cattle and production systems available, how to select your stock, explanations of equipment required and basic cattle husbandry. It contains simple explanatory diagrams and photographs to make new concepts clear. With new and expanded sections on small cattle breeds, genetics and breeding systems, this second

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edition competently addresses questions asked by those entering small farming for the first time while providing a solid reference for those already in the industry. Detailed guidelines for raising healthy cattle through good nutrition, land management and herd monitoring are provided, in addition to tips for showing and marketing your cattle and up-to-date government requirements for land and stockowners.

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We love The American Farmer. We trust them to grow our food, to be part of children's nursery rhymes, to provide the economic backbone of rural communities, and to embody a version of the American dream. At the same time, we know that "corporate farms" are disrupting the agrarian way of life that we so admire, and that we've got to do something to stop it. So what's our plan for saving the farms we love? In Farm

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(and Other F Words),
Sarah K Mock dismantles
misconceptions about
American farms and
discovers what makes
small family farms work,
or why they don't. While
exploring the
intersection of farming
and wealth, Mock offers
an alternative
perspective on American
agricultural history,
and outlines a path to a
more equitable food
system moving forward.
Calling for change, Farm
(and Other F Words)
tackles questions like:

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Do farmers really get paid not to farm? Are "big corporate farms" the future? How much good has the food movement done for small family farmers? Ultimately, Mock suggests a solution without putting the onus for change on struggling consumers and reminds us that, "the future of American agriculture is not yet decided." There are about 450 million small farms today and they are getting more numerous

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and smaller by the day. Many have become too small to provide adequate livelihoods or to compete successfully in today's globalised markets. This has led to considerable debate about the future role of small farms and whether it still makes sense for governments to invest in them. This book reviews the current status of small farms around the developing world, and the challenges that they face. It finds that policy makers need to

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differentiate more sharply than in the past between different types of small farms and the types of assistance they need, and discusses strategies appropriate for each type. The book draws on a wealth of recent experience at IFAD and elsewhere to help identify best practice approaches.

SPIN-farming Basics
Big Farms Make Big Flu
One Family's Journey into Regenerative Agriculture
The Lean Farm Guide to

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**Growing Vegetables
Sharing the Harvest
Building Your
Permaculture Property
Build Your Own Farm
Tools**

“Few books have grabbed my attention as dramatically as this one—because it’s ultimately doable for thousands of would-be food and farm healers.” —Joel Salatin, Polyface Farm Grow better not bigger with proven low-tech, human-scale, biointensive farming methods Making a living wage farming without big capital outlay or acreages may be closer than you think. Growing on just 1.5 acres, Jean-Martin and

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Maude-Helene feed more than 200 families through their thriving CSA and seasonal market stands. The secret of their success is the low-tech, high-yield production methods they've developed by focusing on growing better rather than growing bigger, making their operation more lucrative and viable in the process. The Market Gardener is a compendium of proven horticultural techniques and innovative growing methods. This complete guide is packed with practical information on:

- Setting-up a micro-farm by designing biologically intensive cropping systems, all with

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negligible capital outlay ·

Farming without a tractor and minimizing fossil fuel inputs through the use of the best hand tools, appropriate machinery and minimum tillage practices ·

Growing mixed vegetables systematically with attention to weed and pest management, crop yields, harvest periods and pricing approaches. Inspired by the French intensive tradition of maraichage and by iconic American vegetable grower Eliot Coleman, author and farmer Jean-Martin shows by example how to start a market garden and make it both very productive and profitable. “Very well done and

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should be of great use to market growers everywhere.” —Eliot

Coleman, organic farming pioneer and author of *The New Organic Grower* “Both visionary and practical, it is a work of rare intelligence.” —Charles Herve-Gruyer, permaculture teacher and grower at la Fermedu Bechellouin, France

SPIN-Farming Basics outlines how to make money growing common vegetables in backyards, front lawns, neighborhood lots or as part of larger acreages in the country. SPIN stands for small plot intensive, and *SPIN-Farming Basics* provides everything you'd

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expect from a good franchise: a business concept, marketing advice, financial benchmarks and a detailed day-to-day workflow. It is non-technical, easy-to-understand and inexpensive-to-implement and shows readers how to farm commercially wherever they live, as long as there are nearby markets to support them.

Making Small Farms Work A Pragmatic Whole Systems Approach to Profitable Regenerative Agriculture In Mycorrhizal Planet, Michael Phillips offers new insights into the invisible world beneath our feet, explaining the crucial,

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symbiotic role that fungi play in everything from healthy plants to healthy soils to a healthy planet.--COVER.

How to Grow Commercially on Under an Acre

The Intelligence of Dogs

Sustainable Agriculture and the International Rice-Wheat System

Farming While Black

Compact Farms

A Successful Grower's

Handbook for Small-Scale

Organic Farming

One Quarter Acre, Two French

Farmers, and Enough Food to

Feed the World

An exploration of the utopias and dystopias that could develop from

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present society Peter Frase argues that increasing automation and a growing scarcity of resources, thanks to climate change, will bring it all tumbling down. In *Four Futures*, Frase imagines how this post-capitalist world might look, deploying the tools of both social science and speculative fiction to explore what communism, rentism and exterminism might actually entail. Could the current rise of the real-life robocops usher in a world that resembles *Ender's Game*? And sure, communism will bring an end to material scarcities and inequalities of wealth—but there's no guarantee that social hierarchies, governed by an economy of "likes," wouldn't rise to take their place. A whirlwind tour

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through science fiction, social theory and the new technologies are already shaping our lives, *Four Futures* is a balance sheet of the socialisms we may reach if a resurgent Left is successful, and the barbarisms we may be consigned to if those movements fail.

Looks at partnerships between local small farms and nearby consumers, who become members or subscribers in support of the farm, offering advice on acquiring land, organizing, handling the harvest, and money and legal matters.

Farming is a business as well as a way of life. *Whole Farm Management* is a comprehensive guide developed by the Small Farms Program at Oregon State University

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to help aspiring and beginner farmers make smart, strategic business decisions to ensure lasting success. In clear, accessible language, readers are led through every essential step, from developing a strategic plan to acquiring equipment, establishing infrastructure, finding markets, budgeting, managing day-to-day operations, and selecting a business structure for long-term viability. The emphasis throughout is on using sustainable agricultural systems and managing the whole farm, whether raising grass-based livestock, perennial food crops, or annual crops such as flowers. Case studies of successful farms, along with guidance and solutions to common

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problems from long-time farmers, round out this essential handbook. This publication conforms to the EPUB Accessibility specification at WCAG 2.0 Level AA.

A revised edition of the best-selling reference on canine psychology incorporates the latest scientific findings and interviews with top breeders and trainers to enable dog lovers to evaluate a pet's intelligence, read dog body language, and adapt a training program suited to an animal's specific needs. By the author of *How Dogs Think*. Original. 10,000 first printing.

Craft Beef (Outdated)

A Pragmatic Whole Systems Approach to Profitable Regenerative Agriculture

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Tools and Machinery for the Smallholder

Dispatches on Influenza, Agribusiness, and the Nature of Science

Farm (and Other F Words)

A Five-Step Process to Design and Develop Land

Restoration Agriculture

The best person to design the property of your dreams is you.

This book gives you the tools to succeed. Building Your

Permaculture Property offers a revolutionary holistic method to overcome overwhelm in the complex process of resilient land design. It distills the authors' decades of experience as

engineers, farmers, educators, and

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consultants into a five-step process complete with principles, practices, templates, and workflow tools to help you: Clarify your vision, values, and resources Diagnose your land and resources for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats Design your land and resources to meet your vision and values Implement the right design to enhance your strengths and improve your weakest resource Establish benchmarks to monitor the sustainability and success of your development. When designing a regenerative permaculture property, too many land stewards suffer from option paralysis, a lack of integrated holistic design,

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fruitless trial-and-error attempts, wasted money, and the frustration that results from too much information and no context.

Building Your Permaculture Property is the essential guide for everyone looking to cut through the noise and establish an ecologically regenerative, financially sustainable, enjoyable, and thriving permaculture property, anywhere in the world. Thanks to breakthroughs in production and food science, agribusiness has been able to devise new ways to grow more food and get it more places more quickly. There is no shortage of news items on hundreds of thousands of hybrid poultry –

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each animal genetically identical to the next – packed together in megabarns, grown out in a matter of months, then slaughtered, processed and shipped to the other side of the globe. Less well known are the deadly pathogens mutating in, and emerging out of, these specialized agro-environments. In fact, many of the most dangerous new diseases in humans can be traced back to such food systems, among them Campylobacter, Nipah virus, Q fever, hepatitis E, and a variety of novel influenza variants. Agribusiness has known for decades that packing thousands of birds or livestock together results in a monoculture that selects for such disease. But market

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economics doesn't punish the companies for growing Big Flu – it punishes animals, the environment, consumers, and contract farmers. Alongside growing profits, diseases are permitted to emerge, evolve, and spread with little check. “ That is, ” writes evolutionary biologist Rob Wallace, “ it pays to produce a pathogen that could kill a billion people. ” In *Big Farms Make Big Flu*, a collection of dispatches by turns harrowing and thought-provoking, Wallace tracks the ways influenza and other pathogens emerge from an agriculture controlled by multinational corporations. Wallace details, with a precise and radical wit, the latest in the science of agricultural

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epidemiology, while at the same time juxtaposing ghastly phenomena such as attempts at producing featherless chickens, microbial time travel, and neoliberal Ebola. Wallace also offers sensible alternatives to lethal agribusiness. Some, such as farming cooperatives, integrated pathogen management, and mixed crop-livestock systems, are already in practice off the agribusiness grid. While many books cover facets of food or outbreaks, Wallace's collection appears the first to explore infectious disease, agriculture, economics and the nature of science together. *Big Farms Make Big Flu* integrates the political economies of disease and

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science to derive a new understanding of the evolution of infections. Highly capitalized agriculture may be farming pathogens as much as chickens or corn.

Small animals have a large potential and provide numerous opportunities to support smallholders farmers and their livelihoods. They provide meat at low cost for small-scale farmers and at affordable prices to consumers enabling access to animal protein even to the poorest members of a community. It is hoped that development workers, policy-makers and others involved recognise the opportunities and benefit that can derive from small

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animal enterprises and implement projects and development plans that foster such enterprises.

In 1920, 14 percent of all land-owning US farmers were black.

Today less than 2 percent of farms are controlled by black people--a

loss of over 14 million acres and the result of discrimination and

dispossession. While farm

management is among the whitest of professions, farm labor is

predominantly brown and

exploited, and people of color

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

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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. Farming While Black organizes and expands upon the curriculum of the BLFI to provide readers with a concise guide to all aspects of small-scale farming, from business planning to preserving the harvest.

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Throughout the chapters Penniman uplifts the wisdom of the African diasporic farmers and activists whose work informs the techniques described--from whole farm planning, soil fertility, seed selection, and agroecology, to using whole foods in culturally appropriate recipes, sharing stories of ancestors, and tools for healing from the trauma associated with slavery and economic exploitation on the land. Woven throughout the book is the story of Soul Fire Farm, a national 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

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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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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 sectors from farm machinery manufacturing to food processing. The agricultural sector also plays a role in the

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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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