

Small-Scale Pig Raising

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Features information on penning and handling, health and nutrition, commercial feeds, breeding, physiology, and butchering. 116,000 copies in print.

The other day a friend considering raising an animal for meat asked me whether he would be better off getting a calf or a piglet. Without hesitation I said pig.

From this beginning, author Dirk van Loon explains exactly why raising a feeder pig is the best bet for someone with little land who wants to produce the most meat for the smallest investment of time and money. Small-Scale Pig Raising covers everything from buying a pig to smoking your own bacon.

You'll learn about:

- * Housing & equipment
- * Penning & handling
- * Health & nutrition
- * Commercial feeds and feeding
- * Alternative feeds
- * Pig digestion & physiology
- * Breeding & farrowing
- * Management techniques
- * Butchering

Small-Scale Pig Raising is extra good on home butchering, with step-by-step instructions and many photos covering the entire process from slaughtering to portioning meat for the freezer.

Author Dirk van Loon has written two Storey books, *The Family Cow* and *Small-Scale Pig Raising*. He publishes a monthly newspaper for small-scale rural producers called *Rural Delivery*. Dirk is a graduate of the College of Agriculture at Cornell University and now lives in Nova Scotia.

Other Books

Homegrown Pork, Learn how to select and raise heirloom pigs for your own flavorful pork.

Build Your Own Pig Ark The best pig ark plans I've seen are these from Carol Ekarius's *How to Build Animal Housing: 60 Plans for Coops, Hutches, Barns, Sheds, Pens, Nestboxes, Feeders, Stanchions, and Much More* (Storey Publishing, ..."