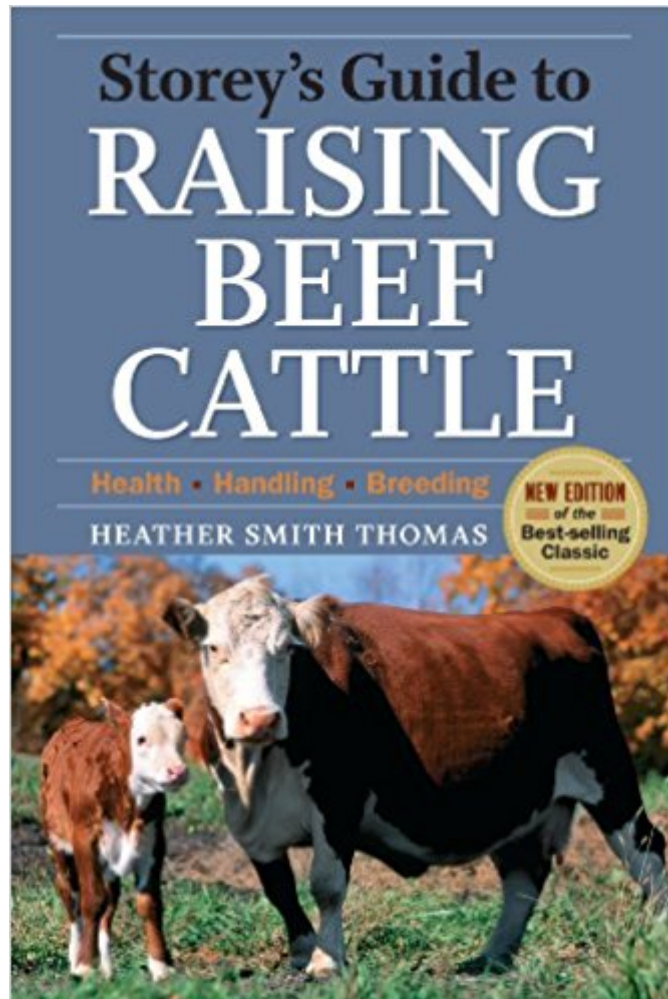


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# Storey's Guide To Raising Beef Cattle, 3rd Edition



## Synopsis

Whether you're raising one cow or a herd, this comprehensive guide shows you everything you need to know to successfully manage your beef cattle operation. Heather Smith Thomas stresses the importance of understanding bovine behavior while covering breed selection, calving, feeding, housing, medical care, and humane slaughter practices. Along with in-depth information on raising grass-fed animals and dealing with toxic pasture plants, you'll also find advice on creating a viable business plan and identifying niche markets for your beef.

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## Customer Reviews

While a bit redundant @ times, I found this to be an excellent treatment of cattle-raising. I am a novice to "cattle ranching" and have found it very useful and easily read; also, well indexed. A few "oldtimers" have found it very useful and have asked where they can get one. The practicality is enhanced by good illustrations.

I am a novice rancher who bought 37 calves at an auction. At one point I had 15 sick calves on my hands, primitive corrals, and the whole town laughing at me. Tonight, I can honestly say the worst is past. My brother and I doctored ten bad eyes, saved a bloat case, doctored a footrot immediately and effectively, and saved at least five extremely ill pneumonic calves, while vaccinating, branding, and eartagging the whole bunch. Without this book and the thorough, intelligent, and courageous instructions it gives to the cattleman, I would have lost a good part of my herd, all my joy for ranching along with them. As it is, the town isn't laughing anymore and starting to wonder where we

came up with all those good ideas they're seeing popping up on our place.

This book really packs a wallop. So much valuable information packed into one book that could only be written by someone who has "seen it all". Not only is purely technical information given, but Thomas gives great insight into cattle psychology which is a great boon in helping a cattlemen to work safely around these large animals. Thomas has left no stone unturned and this book should be well read and dog-eared by every beef cattle farmer.

When we started raising beef cattle a couple of years ago, we had a difficult time finding information on the subject. This book has been an invaluable reference, covering a variety of subjects from breeding and feed to healthcare and handling. The book is well-written and well-organized, and it's clear that the author has years of real experience to draw upon.

Well written and easy to understand guide for everything you want to know about cattle. I learned much and constantly refer to this book. It helped me to better understand our cows and their needs. I HIGHLY recommend it to other cattle farmers, even those who think they know all about cattle.

This is a easy reading book packed full of common sense animal care. I wish I'd seen it years ago. I think the 4-H program should recommend it to all beef project children. Covers all the major areas- wt gain, illness, even wind chill- what more can you want.

Heather Smith Thomas has written a concise, yet thorough, guide to raising beef cattle that is useful to both the novice and the experienced cattle rancher. As a breeder of purebred cattle, I found explanations and descriptions of techniques in this book that have been very helpful. The author not only describes "how-to," she also tells why and leaves no detail unexplained. Her style of writing and language is easily understood, and the book is arranged so that information is easy to find. The forward, written by Baxter Black, is, of course, hilarious. I highly recommend this book for anyone, experienced or not, who is interested in learning all about raising cattle.

I understand the concept of an overview. The Have More Plan did it extremely well in 1947. I've worked on a commercial big cattle operation for a year and we have our own small herd of three cows. I know enough that this book does not deliver on it's promises as a primer. Right Off the bat this book promisesâ € Up-to-the-minute coverage of diseases and vaccination optionsâ € Complete

information on raising grass-fed animals There is no way this book could deliver on those promises. It does not even deliver a good primer with links to more in depth information. There is a lot of basic medical stuff that is missed. Complete information on Grass feeding. I think not. Forget complete there is tons that is not mentioned period. Greg Judy and Joel Salatin are decades ahead of this book. There is no mention of Mob or Managed Intense Grazing. Which is so main stream the USDA Soil conservation services has free videos on how to do it. The advice on barb wire fencing will have you chasing escaped calves, guaranteed. Modern electric fencing options are not mentioned. The illustration of a working cattle corral is for an operation with over a 100 head. There is no advice offered for a small functional corral for a small herd of under 100 head, let alone under 20 head of cattle. This is an old school book of very conventional thinking that ignores what has been researched for the last few decades and today's trends in cattle especially for those with a small herd. Having been around cattle operations as a child and an adult I know there is a stubborn reluctance to accept new well researched practices. This book continues in that stubborn vein.

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