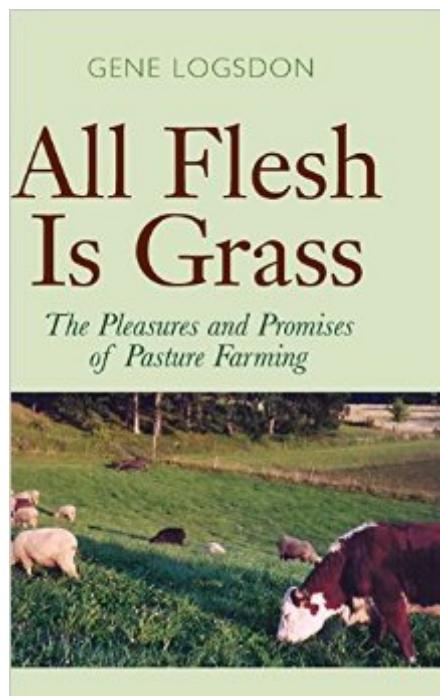


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# All Flesh Is Grass: The Pleasures And Promises Of Pasture Farming



## Synopsis

Amidst Mad Cow scares and consumer concerns about how farm animals are bred, fed, and raised, many farmers and homesteaders are rediscovering the traditional practice of pastoral farming. Grasses, clovers, and forbs are the natural diet of cattle, horses, and sheep, and are vital supplements for hogs, chickens, and turkeys. Consumers increasingly seek the health benefits of meat from animals raised in green paddocks instead of in muddy feedlots. In *All Flesh Is Grass: The Pleasures and Promises of Pasture Farming*, Gene Logsdon explains that well-managed pastures are nutritious and palatable; virtual salads for livestock. Leafy pastures also hold the soil, foster biodiversity, and create lovely landscapes. Grass farming might be the solution for a stressed agricultural system based on an industrial model and propped up by federal subsidies. In his clear and conversational style, Logsdon explains historically effective practices and new techniques. His warm, informative profiles of successful grass farmers offer inspiration and ideas. His narrative is enriched by his own experience as a "contrary farmer" on his artisan-scale farm near Upper Sandusky, Ohio. *All Flesh Is Grass* will have broad appeal to the sustainable commercial farmer, the home-food producer, and all consumers who care about their food.

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**All Flesh Is Grass** by Gene Logsdon

This book is a must read/own for anyone considering grass farming (pasture based livestock). In the book he discusses:

- How to set up a rotation of pastures
- Which plants he prefers and ones that will do well in other climates
- How to graze the pastures
- What problems specific pastures (plant type) might pose to livestock
- How to cut pastures for

hay and silageHow to seed pastures with the minimum of equipmentHow to divide permanent pastures and temporary pastures (used for gardens, hay making, growing grains, etc.)How to build and maintain fencesStocking rates for animals (though this varies by region and quality of the soil)What plants to avoid in your pasturesWhich trees are good on pasturesGood and Bad weeds for grazingHow to make a haystackHow to build a reserve of plant material for winter grazingHow to approach year round grazing with minimal hay or grain feedAnd most importantly how to let the animals do most of the workThis book is aimed more at a garden farmer who is trying to maximize self sufficiency than the production minded market/commercial farmer. For commercial farmers who are willing to sacrifice some of the quantity for quality, then this book will work for you too. Most of the discussion is framed around farms in the 5-50 acre range. It is still helpful for those who will have less land for a few animals and is also scalable for farms in the 50-500 acre range. Gene is not anti grain , he just believes in planting it with other crops like clover and letting the animals harvest and feed it to them selves. Instead of 90% grain and 10% pasture he advocates for 80% pasture and 20% grain.

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