



# RESOURCES FOR KEEPING ANIMALS



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# Cattle

## The Beef Cow-Calf Manual

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This manual from the Government of Alberta sets out the basic principles of beef management.

## Management Strategies for Cattle During Dry Conditions

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This fact sheet outlines how cattle producers can “buy feeding days” of forages and/or grazing while maintaining a reasonable level of productivity.

## Calving

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A description of the stages of labour for cattle and how to correct problems.

## Sarcoptic Mange in Cattle

[Open Government](#) PDF

Fact sheet on Sarcoptic mange (or barn itch), a disease caused by the parasitic mite *Sarcoptes scabiei*.

## Bloat in Cattle

[Open Government](#) PDF

This publication provides information on the causes, control and treatment of bloat in cattle and is intended for livestock producers, veterinarians, and agrolgists.

## Black Fly Control

[Open Government](#) PDF

Black flies, of which there are about 100 species in Canada, occur in varying abundance in all parts of the country.

## Corrals for Handling Beef Cattle

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This comprehensive guide features information on cattle behaviour, handling techniques, corral design, corral geometry and corral components.

## Handling Livestock Safely

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Understanding animal instincts and behaviour allows handlers to work calmly with animals, resulting in less stress for the animal and fewer injuries to the handler.

## Biosecurity and Livestock Resources

[Alberta.ca](#) WEBSITE

# Horses

## Equine Health & Welfare

[Alberta Equestrian Federation](#) WEBSITE

The health and welfare of equines and the entire horse industry are of paramount importance to our equine community. Providing educational resources, training, sharing regulations, and strengthening the herd are priorities.

## Biosecurity

[Alberta Equestrian Federation](#) WEBSITE

Biosecurity is about keeping horses healthy. It includes the principles, actions, precautions, and protocols that we apply to help protect the health of all animals by preventing the transmission of disease through physical barriers and proper hygiene practices.

## Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Equines

[Alberta Equestrian Federation](#) WEBSITE

The nationally developed Codes of Practice provide guidelines for farm animal care and handling and serve as national standards. Specifically, the Code of Practice for Equines promotes sound management and welfare in housing, care, transportation, and other husbandry practices.

## Equine Diseases

[Alberta Equestrian Federation](#) WEBSITE

Preventing the spread of equine diseases is vital in maintaining herd health. One single outbreak can be extremely costly in more ways than one. Being aware of the threat of an outbreak in your community and how you can help stop the transmission is an important responsibility for any horse owner.

## Online Education

[Alberta Equestrian Federation](#) WEBSITE

We are dedicated to providing access to credible sources of training and education on equine health and welfare topics. Continuing education and certification opportunities for horse owners are extremely important.

## Owning Horses

[Alberta Equestrian Federation](#) WEBSITE

Owning a horse can be a fun and rewarding experience. But before you purchase your first horse, it is critical to do long-term planning and research to ensure you are prepared to make the commitment.

## Biosecurity and Livestock Resources

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# Sheep

## Animal Welfare and Handling

[Alberta Lamb Producers WEBSITE](#)

Alberta producers are subject to legislation that governs the treatment of animals. Several acts protect animals on the Federal and Provincial levels. The Acts are enforced when animals are reported as in distress, lacking care, or subjected to willful abuse.

## Animal Identification: CSIP Ear Tags

[Alberta Lamb Producers WEBSITE](#)

The ability to identify and track animals as they are moved through the production system is one of the [pillars of traceability](#).

## Fact Sheets

[Alberta Lamb Producers PDF](#)

Alberta Lamb Producers provides a wide variety of information resources for producers, ranging from management and production advice to marketing information.

# Goats

## Shelter

[Alberta Goat Association WEBSITE](#)

Although goats can withstand extremes in temperature if properly fed and well-bedded, they do need shelter from dampness and drafts. Sheds and barns for goats should be well-ventilated and not dark. Insulation is not required; however, if the shed is insulated, adequate ventilation is a must to prevent excessive moisture inside the building.

## Nutrition

[Alberta Goat Association WEBSITE](#)

Contrary to popular opinion, goats do not eat trash, and especially not tin cans! In fact, goats are among the most finicky of all farm animals and will not drink dirty water or eat contaminated feed unless forced by extreme thirst or threat of starvation.

## Reproduction

[Alberta Goat Association WEBSITE](#)

In Canada, most breeds of goats are seasonal breeders; they will only breed from late summer to early spring, although there are variations between the breeds.

## Fencing

[Alberta Goat Association WEBSITE](#)

Fencing for goats is perhaps more of a challenge than for other species of livestock, and more so for some goat breeds than others. Curiosity and the ability to climb and jump make traditional fences woefully ineffective at keeping adventurous members of the herd within the confines of their yard or field.

## Goat Care

[Alberta Goat Association WEBSITE](#)

All the information you need to know about caring for goats.

# Alpacas & Llamas

## Alpaca Livestock Association

[Alpaca Livestock Producers and Cooperators Association](#) WEBSITE

## Certification/registration of Camelid Pedigree in Canada

[Canadian Llama & Alpaca Registry \(CLAA\)](#) WEBSITE

## Llama Care

[Llama Canada](#) WEBSITE

If you're familiar with the care of other domestic livestock, you will find llamas comparatively easy to care for, with a minimum of veterinary assistance required.

## Llama Uses

[Llama Canada](#) WEBSITE

Llama enthusiasts who have taken the time to train their llamas to drive a cart are finding that driving a llama can be most enjoyable. It is probably the most difficult of the skills asked of a llama but also one of the most rewarding and fun when it has been accomplished.

## Llama Breeding & Reproduction

[Llama Canada](#) WEBSITE

Female llamas are good mothers, and there is nothing as delightful as their babies playing and romping. However, female llamas should not be bred until at least two years of age, as they aren't fully mature until they are between three and four.

# Pigs

## Pig Breeds

[Small-Scale Pig Farming WEBSITE](#)

There are several different types of pig breeds, but some are more suited for an outdoor environment. The type of pig you decide to purchase should be based on factors such as housing type, feed source, and fencing, as some pigs are more difficult to keep than others.

## Equipment & Supplies

[Small Scale Pig Farming WEBSITE](#)

It is best to be prepared by having essential supplies on hand for most situations that will occur on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. This will help you make effective and timely decisions which will benefit you and your pigs. Specific areas of focus include treating and handling pigs and maintaining the health and safety of you and your pigs. Take the opportunity to speak to a veterinarian or other producers where these supplies can be conveniently located.

## Requirements

[Small Scale Pig Farming WEBSITE](#)

You should consider several key points before bringing your pigs home. While some provinces have specific rules and regulations regarding livestock and pigs, a couple of items are implemented Canada-wide.

## Housing & Shelter

[Small Scale Pig Farming WEBSITE](#)

Shelters are an essential part of pig production. Protection from weather – the sun in summer and cold in winter ensures the greatest welfare for your pigs. A sturdy, well-constructed shelter will not only last for years but protect your pigs from the elements and save you time, money and aggravation in the long run.

## Biosecurity and Livestock Resources

[Alberta.ca WEBSITE](#)

# Chickens

## Raising Chickens in Alberta: A Guide for Small Flock Owners

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This guide is intended for small-flock, backyard, and urban chicken owners. Some of the topics covered in the guide include regulations, basic chicken needs, chicken house design and sanitation, egg management, meat processing, appropriate behaviours in chickens, care of chicks, and care of chickens during the winter.

## Keeping Your Flock, Your Food, and Your Family Healthy: Tips for Small-Flock Poultry Owners

[Open Government PDF](#)

Useful tips for backyard and urban chicken owners.

## Keep Alberta Small Flocks Healthy

[Open Government PDF](#)

Whether you are adding to a recreational flock, a breeding line, or getting layers or broilers, new additions to the flock can bring joy but also disease. Protect your existing flock with simple steps outlined in this fact sheet.

## Protect Yourself and Your Family: Tips for the Safe Handling of Chicks and Live Poultry

[Open Government PDF](#)

These are useful tips for backyard and urban chicken owners on steps they can take to keep their families and their poultry healthy and safe.

## Biosecurity and Livestock Resources

[Alberta.ca WEBSITE](#)

# Fur-Bearing Animals

## Rabbits - Codes of Practice for the Care and Handling of Farm Animals

[National Farm Animal Care Council](#) WEBSITE

The care and management provided by the person(s) responsible for the daily care of rabbits have a significant influence on their welfare. Those responsible for rabbits should consider the following key aspects of responsible rabbit care

## Bunnies and Biosecurity – What You Can Do

[Alberta.ca](#) WEBSITE

Biosecurity is essentially a collection of measures taken to prevent the introduction or spread of disease among livestock, including rabbits, cows, pigs, chickens, and more.

## Human-Wildlife Conflict – Rabbits and Hares

[Alberta.ca](#) WEBSITE

Reducing access to food sources and shelter can minimize human conflict with rabbits and hares in Alberta.

## What Is a Fur-Bearer?

[The Fur-Bearers](#) WEBSITE

This website promotes co-existence with wildlife and advocates on behalf of fur-bearing animals in the wild and in conf



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