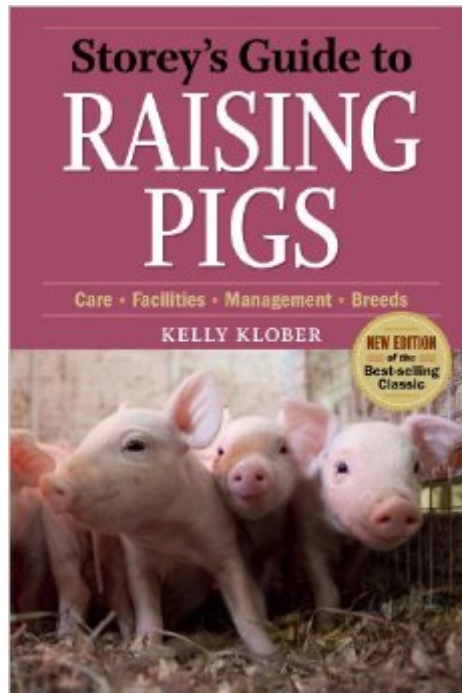


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# Storey's Guide To Raising Pigs, 3rd Edition: Care, Facilities, Management, Breeds



## Synopsis

Learn how to successfully raise your own pigs. Stressing the importance of sustainable and environmentally friendly farming practices, Kelly Klover provides expert tips on making your hog operation more efficient and profitable. Storey's Guide to Raising Pigs will give beginners the confidence they need to succeed, while inspiring experienced farmers to try new techniques and experiment with new breeds.

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Since getting all that I could out of The Backyard Homestead Guide to Raising Farm Animals, I started to shop around for a pig-raising book because I had more questions. As a fellow Storey book this third edition of Raising Pigs was an attractive choice. Not only for its arrangement of information, high quality black & white photos, record keeping templates, and an overall fresh look - but because I liked the introduction and found the author trust-worthy and knowledgeable. I only found out later that in the 374 pages of text that it was too much information for me, particularly about the business of a medium-small hog operation (including racing and showing). I didn't find this relevant to my backyard family homestead, while big questions arose around castration and ear notching that was not included, so I had to look elsewhere. Although it's not as fancy, I find Dirk van Loon's book Small-Scale Pig Raising to be my pig bible. There are pros and cons of each book, but overall, Dirk tells how to raise hogs best.

This is another wonderful Storey title. You can tell the author loves hogs and I enjoyed his stories about his hogs. But the great thing about this book, like most other Storey titles, is the no-nonsense INFORMATION presented. Real helpful INFORMATION you can use whether you are raising two or twenty hogs. And good information on breeding too. I want to get myself a pig or two, and this book tells me what I need to know!

No matter the age, anyone wanting or currently raising pigs will learn a great deal from this book. From breeding to butchering, what you need to know to successfully raise your pig is in here.

Great summary of almost all aspects of raising hogs. Good, consistent use of proper terminology will help the beginner get used to the words. The author expresses his opinions frequently, but aren't we all looking for the opinions of experienced farmers? I do like that he comes down more on the small-scale family farm side of things, and is not in favor of industrial warehouse hog facilities. This book really is about what's best for the pigs. If you're wanting to take your hog operation a step further toward the natural side of things, for example, with forest-finishing, you're going to need some additional information from someone who is actually forest-finishing their hogs. The author seems to be in favor of providing bite-to-bite consistency in feed, which is something I actively try to avoid with all of my animals. Again, just opinions. All in all, this is probably the best book out there if you want to be able to sit down, read it, and come away with a good working knowledge of raising hogs. Word of warning- if all you're wanting to do is to turn a feeder hog into a butcher hog every year for your own family, most of the information in this book will not apply, but it's still good info. If you think you're going to keep a couple sows and a boar and just provide pork for your own family, think again. Do the math- 2 sows, 2 litters per year, 8 pigs per litter, 250 lb slaughter weight, 150+ lb carcass weight, you're looking at producing about 5000 lb of pork per year. This book will help you figure out what you're going to do with all of that pork.

If one is looking to raise and show hogs, or learn about the origins and traits of all breeds, this book has lots of information and print dedicated to that end, but if one is looking to raise a few hogs for home use of their meat, then this book really doesn't have a lot of information related to that. It was boring to me and difficult to read without falling asleep.

I ordered this book to learn more about raising the pigs we had just purchased. I am well satisfied

with the information contained. I have gleaned a great deal of knowledge about swine and am now more prepared for this new endeavor. Probably should have read the book before buying the pigs!

For a beginner this book contained more information on pig farming as business than getting started guide. Information was spread out through the book on one subject with varying degrees of depth. I fear I will have read something I want to review & be unable to find it again without reviewing its entire contents. Plenty of useful information but almost to the point of a hindrance.

Storey's Guide to Raising Pigs brings the author's thirty years of experience to a resource on small-scale hog farmers packed with knowledge and advice. From an expanded breed guide and insights on safe fencing to guidelines for showing and new disease prevention methods, this packs in all business and health details needed to raise healthy, profitable pigs. Rural collections should consider this a 'must'.

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