

Further Reading

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Introduction

The following in 1885 is from W.D. Hoard, Founder of Hoard's Dairyman, and still applies today. "A man must constantly agitate the mind and thought. The weakest man in the world is the man who has hard hands and a soft head; that is the truth; and the difficulty with our farmer friends everywhere is that they suppose that their salvation on the farm is to be wrought out with the hand and not wrought out first by the thought."

The above still applies today. My least successful farmer clients are those who don't read.

Some of the following books and web pages could relate to your type of farming. There are many good books that are out of print, but second hand bookshops sometimes have them, or you can search www.amazon.com/ for them.

ISBN details are not available for all the books, but if necessary you can Google for them or use www.amazon.com/ to find them, or CAB International or The Internet Bookshop.

Acres USA has done a great job in publishing out of print books. Their monthly magazine called Acres USA is available from Acres USA, P.O. Box 91299, Austin TX 78709-1299 e-mail: info@acresusa.com They send a complementary issue and a catalog of their books to those who inquire. Their many writers cover a variety of topics.
<http://www.acresusa.com/magazines/magazine.htm>

Animals

Breeds of animals. See <http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/cattle/> For other animals change the word 'cattle' for sheep, goats, swine or horses.

Livestock Handling and Transport, edited by Temple Grandin, Ph.D. Wallingford, UK. CAB International, c1993.

Contents

Management and economic factors of handling and transport. T Grandin.
Behavioural principles of animal handling and transport. HW Gonyou.
General principles of stress and welfare. WB Gross and PB Siegel.
Welfare assessment and welfare problem areas during handling and transport. DM Broom.
Behavioural principles of cattle handling under extensive conditions. T Grandin.
Behavioural principles of pig handling. P.H. Hemsworth.
Behavioural principles of sheep handling. GD Hutson.
Cattle transport. V Tarrant and T Grandin.
Dairy cattle husbandry. JL Albright.
Deer handling and transport. LR Matthews.
Design of sheep yards and shearing sheds. A Barber and RB Freeman.
Dogs for herding and guarding livestock. L Coppinger and R Coppinger.
Facilities for handling intensively managed sheep. HL Williams.
Handling and welfare of livestock in slaughter plants. T Grandin.
Handling cattle in intensive systems. R Ewbank.

Handling facilities and restraint of range cattle. T Grandin.
Horse handling and transport. KA Houpt and S Lieb.
Poultry handling and transport. C Nicol and C Saville-Weeks.
Transport of pigs. E Lambooij and G van Putten.

Beef

Tropical Beef Centre, University of New England, Armidale, NSW, Australia, Fax +61-2-6773-3500. South Burnett Field Day handout, 1997.

Biology of Trace Elements by Karl H. Schutte. Out of print, but very good.

Crops

Hunger Signs in Crops. 19 authors. American Society of Agronomy.

Dairy

Dairying with Improved Breeds in Warm Climates by RE McDowell. ISBN 1-880762-05-6.
Nutrient Requirements of Dairy Cattle (there are ones for other stock), 2001, National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20418, USA. Excellent.
The Untold Story of Milk by Ron Schmid, ND. 2003. ISBN 0-9670897-4-3
www.NewTrendsPublishing.com USA. It is an excellent book on milk consumption throughout the world. It emphasises the benefits of raw milk from pasture and gives facts galore.
US and NZ parlor photos showing designs and farm details. <http://grassfarmer.com/>

Deer

Deer Farming by David Yerex, NZ Publications, Box 594, Masterton, New Zealand.
Nutrition & Management of Deer on Grazing Systems, Lincoln University, published by New Zealand Grassland Association, Box 5517, Wellington, New Zealand.

Dung Beetles, CSIRO Book Shop, Box 89, East Melbourne, Vic 3002, Australia. Phone +61-3-418 7333.

Electro magnetic fields

The Great Power Line Coverup by Paul Brodeur in 1993, ISBN 0-316-10909-6 about how USA power authorities and government are hiding the cancer hazards from electromagnetic fields (EMF).

Everything I Want to do is Illegal, by Joel Salatin, from Acres USA at www.acresusa.com/magazines/magazine.htm It is amusing, educational and sad.

Farming Naturally & Organic Animal Care, Night Owl Publishers Pty Ltd, Box 242, Euroa 3666, Australia.

Fertilisers. An old New Zealand 'establishment' book on fertilisers has so much incorrect information that I won't recommend it. There are many books written with serious inaccuracies. Some wrong information from them is still being applied, so many farmers are losing millions of dollars in total. If you see anything incorrect in GrazingInfo, please tell me through support@grazinginfo.com

Goats

The Nutrition of Goats. ISBN 0 85199 2161. CAB International, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 8DE, UK, or CAB International, 198 Madison Ave, New York, NY,10016-4314, USA. 1998.

Grass Farming by M McG Cooper (ex New Zealand head of Massey University dairy husbandry, chair on Wye Ag College, etc. and DW Morris (was principal of Welsh Ag College). Both were farmers. Written in UK. Farming Press Ltd, Wharfedale Rd, Ipswich, Suffolk, UK. 1979, but a very good book.

Grasslands of New Zealand by Sir Bruce Levy, 1951. Quoted in this book, but out of print, however, is sometimes found in used-bookshops. An excellent book even today.

Guide to Better Pastures for the Tropics and Subtropics, by LR Humpheys and IJ Partridge of Wrightson Seeds, Box 939, Christchurch, NZ has 94 pages in colour describing grasses and legumes.

Investing for profit.

What Your Accountant Doesn't Tell You by Fiona Claton-Law. New Zealand. Ph +64-6-877-4855. Very good. 2000. ISBN 0-473-06911-3

Lime, Fertilisers, Soils & Trace Elements

All should read the book "More Food From Soil Science" (The natural chemistry of lime in agriculture) 1965 by VA Tiedjens. It was available from Growers Chemical Corp, Milan, Ohio, 44846, USA. Phone (419) 499-2508. ISBN 0-682-43057-9. It is about the importance of applying lime first, before applying other elements. The book is not just chemical theory. It gives hundreds of success examples. It is brilliant. A very kind follower of mine, Ken Scharabok, of Waverley, Tennessee, gave it to me after one of my Stockman Grass Farmer controlled grazing presentations at Jackson, MS in 1992. He asked if I had read it because I was recommending the same things. I didn't even know it existed. I'm grateful to Ken because VA Tiedjens confirmed what I've practised since 1957, when I noticed that wherever a heap of bulk lime had been stored in a paddock or where I got stuck spreading lime on peat or spilt some, the pasture grew so much better than where it got only about 12,000 kg/ha. Pasture was also softer there, animals grazed the areas shorter and earthworms multiplied more.

Malabar Farm

In 1950 I read this now out of print book by USA farmer, Louis Bromfield who in the late 1940s bought four dust-bowl, run-down farms, in Ohio, USA, partly caused by repeated mouldboard ploughing, mining the top 15 cm and other bad practises. Bromfield changed the 400 ha of eroded, weedy dried up springs, to green pastures, clean streams and sustainable farming, partly by chisel ploughing. His model Malabar Farm is now State run, attracting 200,000 visitors a year. Reading his book in 1952 helped me improve my parents 100 ha mixed farm that I was managing in Natal, South Africa where I was born, and then to improve the undeveloped, over-drained 40 ha peat farm I bought in New Zealand in 1955. There are many benefits of chisel ploughing, but some people love mouldboard ploughing and hoeing, to the detriment of their bank balance and soils. Wind and water erosion after these can be excessive, whereas after chiselling it is usually minimal. See Soils > Cultivation.

Mineral Levels in Animal Health (Diagnostic Data) by R. Puls. Sherpa International, Box 2256, Clearbrook, BC, V2T 4X2, Canada.

New Zealand Workshop on Trace Elements, 1981 Proceedings.

Nitrate, Agriculture & the Environment by TM Addiscott. Information on the environment, climate, temperatures, nitrates, fertilisers, political causes of problems by subsidies, etc. It corrects a lot of bureaucrat inaccuracies.

New Zealand Grasslands Association, PB 11008. Palmerston North, New Zealand. Joining for \$30 per annum includes their annual proceedings.

Organic Inc, ISBN-10: 0-15-101130-3 USA. History, statistics, chemicals and ofcourse organics.

Pastures & Pasture Plants, edited by RHM Langer (AH & AW Reed). Very good.

Pastures, Their Ecology and Management, by RHM Langer, Oxford University Press. ISBN 0 19 558174 1. 1990. Excellent.

Plowman's Folly 1943 by Edward H Faulkner of Oklahoma, USA, wrote about the many faults of mouldboard ploughing which are still true today on many farms in many countries, and yet farmers still mouldboard plough rather than chisel plough, or worse still, rotary cultivate which destroys the soil structure.

Reverse Heart Disease Now by Stephen T Sinatra MD and James C Roberts MD. Both are surgeons and friends. They found that patients taking supplements healed better and remained healthier, while those not taking them would be back for another operation.

Runing a Small Flock of Sheep, 2nd edition 2006. Australian CSIRO Publishing. <http://www.dadirect.com/>

Scared to Death from BSE, Global Warming, by Christopher Booker and Richard North. ISBN 2-8264-8614-2.

It shows what some of us know, so gives us confidence. For example there have been media scares of bugs going to kill us all, and an endless list that were never as bad as the media, greenies, politicians and scientists made out.

We now (2000), know that the Global Warming as such is a farce. It cooled slightly until 1975, then warmed slightly until 2006 and is now cooling again. Warming was confirmed by thousands of scientists after it was cooling, promoted by some money makers, selling films, cinema tickets, wind generators, biofuel plants, etc. Before their ink was dry Global Warming changed to Climate Change. These have caused gullible governments to spend millions on Kyoto rules which is a bigger bureaucratic farce than anything before. The globe is not warming nor is the climate changing any more than in the past, so Kyoto should close, but the air polluted by some countries is causing floods and droughts in North Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

Running out of fuel in a decade was another. Now the prediction is 50 years. Meanwhile the North American who drove his BMW on processed water and an additive was poisoned, which not investigated, and an Australian whose motorbike did the same, was paid a million dollars to remain silent.

Sheep

Everyone with even a dozen sheep should read *The Sheep Farming Guide* by Dr Clive Dalton <clived@wave.co.nz>

Sheep, Health, Disease and Production (ISSN 0112-9643) from the Foundation for Continuing Education of the NZ Veterinary Association, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand (1993) is a scientific book 400 A4 pages long.

Stargrass is a Winner. Out of print. Search second hand shops. Stargrass is a vigorous, spreading, tropical grazing grass.

The Handbook on Trace Elements by Istvan Pais and J Benton Jones Jnr (1997). ISBN 1-884015-34-4.

The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan. 2006. ISBN 0 7475 8675 6. This is about the USA farming history (not farming technology), government policies of keeping farmers as peasants despite farm subsidies of US\$19 billion per annum that end up in the pockets of capitalists, industrialised farming, fattening food, the disastrous organic farming rules in USA, and a lot more, such as a chapter on the very interesting mixed farming by Joel Salatin on his highly productive Natural farm.

The Stockman Grass Farmer monthly Magazine. Founded in 1947.

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“The Stockman Grass Farmer monthly is the bible for people raising animals on pasture.” New York Times 1 June 2005.

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Trace Elements in Soils and Crops, 1966, MAFF, UK.

Trace Elements in Soils and Plants, 3rd edition, 2000, Alina Kabata-Pendias. CRC Press, ISBN 0-8493-1575-1. Contains highly scientific information and is an in depth record of elements.

Trace Elements in Soil-Plant-Animal Systems edited by DJD Nicholas and Adrian R Egan (1975). ISBN 0-12-518150-7. Contains many proceedings by various authors of trials and research mainly in Australia, but is low on solutions.

Trace Elements in Humans

Trace Elements and Other Essential Nutrients by Dr David L Watt. 1995. ISBN 1885676-20-4

Weather Climate and truth about them.

All should read “A Skeptical Environmentalist” by Bjorn Lomborg for the truth about our world. Cambridge University Press. ISBN 0 521 01068 3 paperback, 0 521 80447 7 hardback. Lomborg gives names of so-called scientists who had given incorrect information on global warming. Some of them took him to court, but he won all cases. He shows that we are not running out of essential resources despite fuel and water usage increasing. In 1900 people lived to an average of 30, in 2000 to 67, poverty has reduced more in the last 50 years than in the preceding 500. In 1970 35% of people were starving, in 1996 only 18%.

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Weeds

Weeds of New Zealand by FW Hilgendorf, Whitcombe & Tombs, New Zealand.

New Zealand Common Weeds in Colour by EA Upritchard, New Zealand Weed & Pest Control Society (Inc), Box 85, Hastings, New Zealand.

Identification of Weeds, Western Australian Department of Agriculture. ISSN 0729-0012.

White Clover, New Zealand’s Competitive Edge. Agronomy Society of NZ, Private Bag 4704, Christchurch, NZ, or NZ Grasslands Association, PB 11,008, Palmerston North, New Zealand. Very good.

www.eatwild.com provides information on the sources of safe, healthy, natural and nutritious grass-fed beef, lamb, goats, bison, poultry, pork, dairy and other wild edibles.

This website provides:

1. Comprehensive, accurate information about the benefits of raising animals on pasture.
2. A direct link to local farms that supply all-natural, delicious, grass-fed products.
3. A marketplace for farmers who raise their livestock on pasture from birth to market and who actively promote the welfare of their animals and the health of the land.