



## Call of the Reed Warbler

A New Agriculture, A New Earth

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“This is a story for our story-loving species at this most critical of all moments in its entire time on Earth.”

—CHARLES MASSY

**C***all of the Reed Warbler* is an urgent, yet lyrically written call for the global transformation of agriculture, and an in-depth look at the innovative farmers who are revolutionizing the way we grow, eat, and think about food. Originally published by University of Queensland Press in Australia, Chelsea Green Publishing is bringing this important book to a wider audience this Fall.

### What is Regenerative Agriculture and why is it important?

Farmland covers 38 percent of the Earth’s land area and is a major contributor to climate change. But it doesn’t have to be this way. Soil and plants have the capacity to store huge amounts of carbon in the ground, thus how we grow food can be one of the key solutions to our climate crisis. Visionary farmer and educator Charles Massy argues that an ecologically and socially enhancing agriculture—known as regenerative agriculture—can reverse these harmful carbon emissions by working with nature rather than against it to increase biodiversity, enrich soils, improve watersheds, and strengthen ecosystems.

Written from the perspective of a working farmer after a lifetime’s experience on the land, who is also a university professor with a PhD in human ecology, Massy tells a story that is accessible to not only farmers, but policymakers, rural leaders, and consumers alike. *The Guardian* calls it, “Part lyrical nature writing. . .part solid scientific evidence. . . part memoir. . . an elegant manifesto.”

### What Sets this Book Apart?

- Provides a deeper understanding of how landscapes and natural systems function via illustrative stories from the author’s life and 140+ interviews.
- Traces the direct link between soil health and human health, and that the chemicals used in industrial agriculture are among the causes of modern illness.
- Shares philosophical reflections on a new “mind” and “heart” required to reconnect with nature and address the Anthropocene epoch.

Find out from Charles Massy what a New Agriculture could look like and how we can ensure the future health of our food supply, our planet, and ourselves.



**Charles Massy** is an award-winning author, veteran farmer, and owner of the prominent Merino Sheep stud “Seven Park.” He received the Order of Australia Medal for his service as chair and director of a number of research organizations and has served on national and international panels in sheep research and genomics.

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