



## Raising Pastured Rabbits for Meat

An All-Natural, Humane, and Profitable Approach to Production on a Small Scale

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An accessible, practical resource for pasture-based rabbit production – complete with rabbit husbandry basics, enterprise budgets, and guidelines for growing, processing and selling rabbits commercially

**R**abbits have gotten a lot of attention in the food world lately for being an excellent source of protein. For livestock farmers, their nutrient-dense manure, portability, and minimal capital investment make rabbits a more viable choice than chicken—a bold statement in a country with a \$41 billion broiler chicken industry. Yet few producers are stepping up to meet the rapidly increasing interest in sustainably raised rabbit meat.

*Raising Pastured Rabbits for Meat* is the first practical resource for starting a humane and profitable rabbitry for the beginning to market-scale farmer. With an emphasis on animal welfare and environmental impact, the book includes:

- Start-to-finish plans for pasture-based production
- Care and breeding techniques
- Nutrition guidelines
- Processing instructions
- Marketing advice
- Enterprise plans

Carangelo proves that a viable pasture-based rabbitry is not only possible and user-friendly, but also profitable. This is an essential guide for anyone interested in integrating rabbits onto a diversified farm or homestead.

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