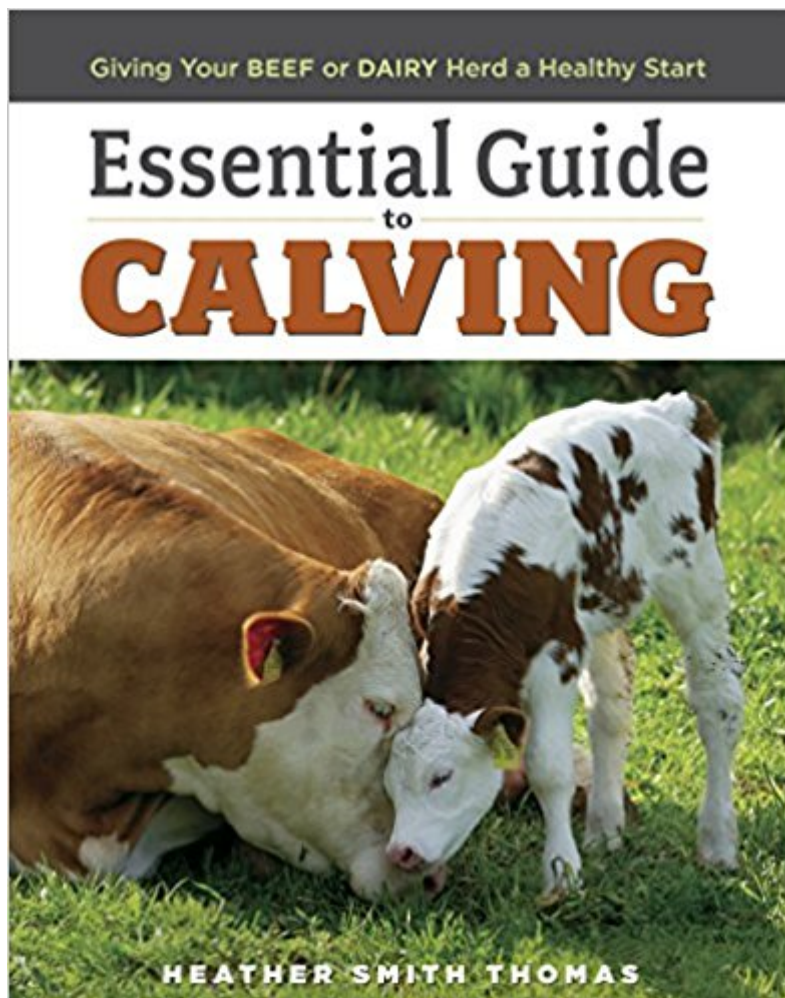




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Essential Guide To Calving: Giving Your Beef Or Dairy Herd A Healthy Start



Synopsis

Whether you keep a single milk cow or care for a large herd, you'll benefit from this comprehensive guide to calving. With expert advice gained from decades of hands-on experience, Heather Smith Thomas shows you how to effectively handle a variety of common situations likely to arrive before, during, and after calving. From spotting pregnancy issues and monitoring routine births to easing difficult deliveries and treating postpartum complications, you'll gain the knowledge and confidence to safely handle a wide variety of calving procedures.

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Customer Reviews

Heather Smith Thomas raises cattle and horses on her family ranch in Salmon, Idaho. She is the author of 10 books and thousands of articles on animal health care. Her books include *Essential Guide to Calving*, *Getting Started with Beef & Dairy Cattle*, and *Storey's Guide to Raising Beef Cattle*.

Several months ago a bull broke into my fathers cow pen. Everyone suspected, but wasn't sure. I bought this book as a joke or a lesson that it wouldnt be so easy to have cows around. Then last weekend, mama cow was showing signs of being in labor. We rushed to find the book and within 15 minutes we were able to feel very comfortable with her current situation, and to know if we needed to get involved. Of course nature will take place, but it was reassuring to know what to expect. We continued to read and it helped with many things. Recognizing that we should get a bottle and feed him while the mother was still having some minor issues. The heat was a factor and she sort of

abandoned the calf high in the field with no protection. And also to recognize minor issues with his knees. In the end, "Norman" is doing great and his book certainly helped.

I get a few bottle babies every year. Mostly they are given to me by another rancher who doesn't want to bother as they are sick or abandoned for one reason or another. Usually it's one of the common things babies get and we are able to rehydrate, thaw, or treat them and they survive. This year I had an odd case and decided to check this book out to see if it has the solution. It didn't but it is an incredibly thorough book, as are all of them from this Author, and I was surprised my question wasn't answered. This is an essential guide for anyone who is thinking of raising cattle. I would highly recommend it.

Bought as a recommendation from a fellow family cow owner. I have looked through it and find it very resourceful for someone limited in vet care.

through thick and thin on those long nights when a baby calfs life is on the line this is the cow bible we drag out pour over and utilize when your vet is backed up buried in calls this book will give you common sense tried and true methods written by someone who wrote it out of a true caring kindness and wisdom to lead the way on those dark lonely bites in the cow barn when its just you and a prayer

A great resource book for those who are new to life on the farm as I was. It answered so many of my questions and provided wonderful illustrations. A must-have for the novice calver...we have purchased many of her books and they are ALL great. Well written and illustrated so almost anyone can understand the content.

A well written, comprehensive guide to calving. To get any more detail, one would need to consult a veterinary textbook.

Book has several instructional and situational descriptions outlined which should prove valuable during the calving process. Descriptions are not only written but there are several pictures and illustrations provided throughout the book.

Great information!! Love that she includes real-life experiences in the book.

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