

Livestock Series: Building your Farm on a Strong Foundation

Session III: Choosing a Livestock Enterprise

Thank you for joining us for this last session in this series. See below for ATTRA resources to help you deepen your learning, and contact information for the teachers. Follow ATTRA at ATTRA.NCAT.ORG for information on *the next webinar on advanced grazing management*.

Resources for Digging Deeper into Choosing a Livestock Enterprise

ATTRA Resources

[Getting Started in Livestock Part 1 podcast](#)

[Getting Started in Livestock Part 2 podcast](#)

[Small Scale Livestock Production](#)

[Taking Your Farm to the Next Level Tutorial](#)

[Beekeeping for Beginners](#)

[Working with your Meat Processor](#)

[Getting Started in Livestock: Lessons Learned](#)

[Farm Equipment and Infrastructure](#)

[Building Blocks for Healthy Herds and Flocks](#)

[Small Scale Rabbit Production](#)

[Providing Water to Livestock in Frigid Weather](#)

[Getting Started with Livestock](#)

Other Notable Resources

[FACT's 2021-22 Fund-a-Farmer Grants](#)

FACT awards competitive grants of up to \$3,000 to working, independent farmers located in the U.S. who raise livestock. Applications due by January 20, 2022 and grants will be awarded in March 2022.

[The Livestock Compass Spreadsheet](#)

Free financial tool to help farmers measure the profitability of their meat and egg enterprises.

[On Pasture](#)

Weekly online livestock and grazing magazine.

[Vermicomposting for Businesses, Farms, Institutions & Municipalities](#)

Worm resources from NC State Extension



Take a look at Mike Lewis's ATTRA Blog [Integrating Pastured Quail into a Whole Farm System](#) for good ideas on starting a new enterprise including considerations of marketing, processing, and infrastructure.

ATTRA Livestock and Pasture

Publications, videos, and podcasts on soil health, pasture and grazing management, feeds, forages, and integrating livestock and crops, animal health, and management for specific animals and marketing of the products derived from them.



[Voices from the Field](#) podcasts are the newest way to access our sustainable-agriculture expertise.



Meet the Teachers

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[Soil for Water](#)



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Linda Coffey's reflections on starting out in livestock, in a nutshell:

Buy from a farm (not a sale barn) and know the animals' health history. Pencil out the enterprise, paying attention to cash flow. Be sure your purchases are healthy and able to be productive. Buy from a farm that manages the same way you plan to. Be sure your animals are thriving on your farm. from [ATTRA Blog 44, Getting Started in Livestock: Lessons Learned](#)