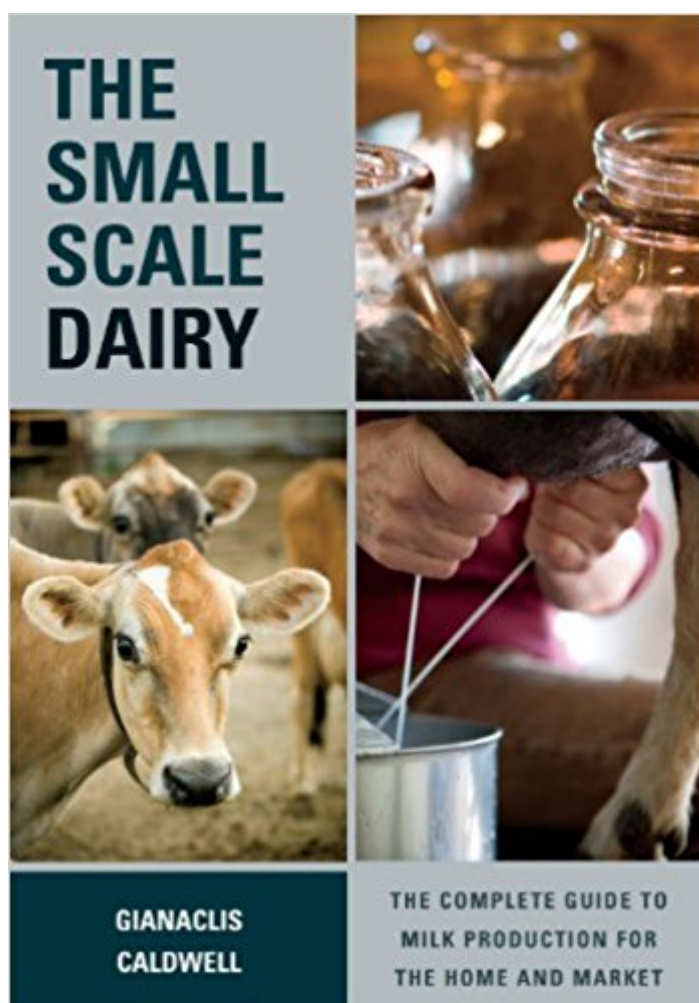


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# The Small-Scale Dairy: The Complete Guide To Milk Production For The Home And Market



## Synopsis

The Small-Scale Dairy includes everything you need to know in order to successfully produce nourishing, healthy, farm-fresh milk. Whether for home use, direct sale to the consumer, or sale to an artisanal cheesemaker, high-quality raw milk is a delicate, desirable product. Successful and sustainable production requires the producer to consider and tackle many details, ranging from animal care to microbiology to good hygienic practices—and, for those with commercial aspirations, business plans, market savvy, and knowledge of the regulations. Applicable to keepers of cows, goats, or sheep, The Small-Scale Dairy offers a holistic approach that explores the relationships between careful, conscientious management and the production of safe, healthy, and delicious milk. A historical overview offers readers a balanced perspective on the current regulatory environment in which raw milk lovers find themselves. Included are options for designing a well-functioning small dairy, choosing equipment, and understanding myriad processes—such as the use of low-temperature pasteurization where raw milk sales are prohibited. Whether you have a one-cow home dairy, a fifty-goat operation, or are simply a curious consumer, The Small-Scale Dairy is an accessible and invaluable resource for achieving your goals.

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pecking order to water troughs to animal nutrition to finding markets outside the commodity-processing system. I can see dog-eared copies of this book becoming staple references in the back pockets of their ownersâ™ overalls.â•--David E. Gumpert, author of *Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Food Rights*"Caldwell doesn't try to convince you that dairy farming is easy (it's not), but she does give you the tools and information you need to make your hard work pay off. From choosing equipment, to caring for your cows, goats, or sheep, to making your own kefir or yogurt, Caldwell covers it all in clear, layperson's terms. An excellent companion for any new or wannabe small-scale dairy farmer."--Abigail Gehring, author of *The Homesteading Handbook* and *The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Country Living*âœRaw milk is todayâ™s fastest growing agricultural market, a nicheÂ product poised to become mainstream.Â In *The Small-Scale Dairy*, Gianaclis Caldwell provides those wishing to meet the demand forÂ unprocessed milk everything they need to produce safe, healthy, raw dairy products.Â From cow and goat care to milk sanitation and testing, Caldwell answers all your questions and provides reliable advice based on years of experience.Â For both producers and consumers, *The Small-Scale Dairy* is a must read and a valuable contribution to a growing movement.â•--Sally Fallon Morell, president, The Weston A. Price Foundation, and founder, A Campaign for Real MilkâœIf youâ™re considering taking your passion for dairying full time, this is absolutely the book for you. Gianaclis Caldwellâ™s *The Small-Scale Dairy*Â expertly and comprehensively guides you through the entire process of making milk products for home and market. From the science of microbiology and the function of udders, to whatâ™s needed to create a milking parlor and even sample floor plans for dairies of all sizes and scales, everything you need to run a dairy is here.â•--Ashley English, author of *Home Dairy with Ashley English: All You Need to Know to Make Cheese, Yogurt, Butter & More*, and *Handmade Gatherings: Recipes and Crafts for Seasonal Celebrations and Potluck Parties*Â

This book is a must have for anyone who is looking for detailed information on operating a smaller dairy operation. Gianaclis Caldwell has a gift for writing easy to read how-to's for those of us who are running a farmstead business or just dreaming of one. This is the perfect companion to her first book "The Farmstead Creamery Advisor". Nowhere else can you find such solid information, from real questions to assess if you are ready to start a dairy, how other successful small dairies operate, and an invaluable list of dairy equipment suppliers. Whether you are milking cows or dairy goats there is something to gain in every chapter from her practical expertise and wisdom.

I have several of Ms Caldwell's books. As usual, she includes all the basics, and with her personal

experience, carries you thru whatever level of planning for your small dairy, regardless of your choice of animals. If you're seriously considering any level of dairying, this is the book for you. From planning to execution, including data collection, forms and references, your success can be multiplied by using this guide.

This book is an awesome reference for anyone looking to get into the dairy business! The author has literally covered ever topic you could think of and then some. This book is not an introductory title, it is a comprehensive guide to starting and running your own dairy. The book is easy to understand and follow and answers the questions you will encounter as you work towards starting your own dairy. I would highly recommend this book to anyone looking to start a new dairy or expand their current farm operations. Well done Gianclis!

GREAT book for dairy 101. Very informative and has a great section of resources in the back, even sample floor plans! If you're interested in starting a dairy it's a definite must read!

Whoa. ::blinks:: Okay, so EVERYTHING I wanted to know as a small producer of raw goat milk is totally freaking IN THIS BOOK. Thank you, Gianclis! Everything from microbial activity to herd health; seriously, even if you're producing only for family use, you should get this book. If you produce for sale, get this book. If you're even thinking about dairy animals - get this book.

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A very comprehensive guide to dairy production on a small scale. The author is great at informing the reader while keeping the technical jargon to a minimum. Very descriptive, a great read for people planning to take that next step.

Wonderful book. Written very well. I highly recommend it.

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