

Useful Web Sites for Information: Beef Interest

Agricultural Statistics:

National Agricultural Statistics Services: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/index.asp
Good site for general agricultural statistics.

Statistical Resources on the Web: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html>
Good site for general economic and societal statistics.

Marketing:

National Grocer's Association 2009 Consumer Survey:
http://supermarketguru.com/public/pdf/20090204_NGA_CPS.pdf
Good site for current consumer desires and expectations at the retail level.

Ohio Market Maker, Linking Agricultural Markets: <http://oh.marketmaker.uiuc.edu/>
Good site if you either want to locate or sell products locally.

Livestock Marketing Information Service: <http://www.lmic.info/>
Good for general marketing information.

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/>
Good site for historical performance and projections.

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service: <http://ffas.usda.gov/>
Good site for understanding agricultural imports and exports.

Beef Fabrication Techniques: <http://bovine.unl.edu/bovine3D/eng/fab.jsp>
Good site to understand how different cuts of meat are done.

European Union Export Requirements:
http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/European_Union_Requirements/index.asp
Good site for understanding E.U. imports, and policies covering those imported products.

USDA Grass-Fed Labelling Requirements:
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5063842>
Good site for knowing the grass-fed regulations.

National Grocer's Association: <http://www.nationalgrocers.org/>
Good site for understanding concerns and desires of consumers, and the retail grocers who serve them.

Diseases:

Food and Drug Administration, Center for Veterinary Medicine: <http://www.fda.gov/cvm/>

Good site for understanding the FDA and veterinary regulatory compliance.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC): <http://www.cdc.gov/health/diseases.htm>

Good site for information on human health related to diseases.

World Health Organization, Epizootic diseases: http://www.oie.int/eng/en_index.htm

Good site for information on diseases like BSE and Foot and Mouth, along with countries with current disease outbreaks.

General Information

Vet Net Electronic Web Services: <http://netvet.wustl.edu/ssi.htm>

Has links to nearly everything related to animals.

Distillers Grains, University of Minnesota: <http://www.ddgs.umn.edu/>

Comprehensive site dealing with all aspects of using distillers grains.

Ohio State University Beef Team Web Site: <http://beef.osu.edu/>

Has instructions to sign up for the weekly beef team newsletter, and articles related to beef production.

National Cattlemen's Beef Association (With Useful Beef Links): <http://www.beef.org/>

Great site for consumer, producer, and processor information.

Beef Information and Land Stewardship: <http://www.beeffrompasturetoplate.org/environment.aspx>

Good site for understanding the beef industry's commitment to environmental responsibility.

Beef Industry Food Safety: <http://www.bifSCO.org/>

Good source of food safety information.

Bovine Myology (Beef Muscle Descriptions): <http://bovine.unl.edu/>

Describes the muscles in the beef carcass, and their characteristics.

Ohio's Livestock Environmental Assurance Program: <http://www.ohleap.org/>

Good site for learning more about environmental responsibility training in Ohio.

Ohio Cattlemen's Association: <http://www.ohiocattle.org/>

Good site for Ohio's beef producers, with a calendar of beef events, and an explanation of the Ohio Professional Beef Producer program.

Ohio Beef Quality Assurance Program: <http://beef.osu.edu/~obqa/>

Good site for understanding beef production animal health procedures.

Small Farm Institute: <http://www.smallfarminstitute.org/>

Great site in support of Ohio's small family farms, with links to numerous regional resources.

Grazing Resources

Amazing Graze News: <http://forages.osu.edu/News/index.html>

A bi-monthly publication from OSU Extension on forages with timely articles.

Ohio Forage Network: <http://forages.osu.edu/>

OSU Extension's forage team with links to information, news, and research.

Cornell Forage-Livestock Systems: <http://www.css.cornell.edu/forage/forage.html>

Cornell's site dedicated to the interdisciplinary link between forages and the animals that consume them.

Graze Magazine: <http://www.grazeonline.com/>

A grazing site with articles on grazing, written by the people who graze animals.

Northeast Grazing Guide: <http://www.umaine.edu/grazingguide/>

The University of Maine's grazing website with articles on grazing in northern climates.

Penn State Forages: <http://www.forages.psu.edu/>

Penn State's forage website with articles on forage production and links to other resources.

Purdue University Forages: <http://www.agry.purdue.edu/ext/forages/>

Purdue University's forage website with articles on forage production and links to other resources.

Stockman Grass Farmer: <http://stockmangrassfarmer.net/>

A publication with articles and information dedicated to the art and science of profitable grassland agriculture.

University of Wisconsin Forage Resources: <http://www.uwrf.edu/grazing/>

The University of Wisconsin's forage site with articles and resources on forage production, animal health, fencing, and economics.

USDA Dairy Forage Research Center: http://ars.usda.gov/main/site_main.htm?modecode=36-55-30-00

USDA's forage research site with useful educational materials and research articles on forage production.

Books

Grass-Fed Cattle by Julius Ruechel

Managing & Marketing for Pasture-Based Livestock Production editor Edward B. Rayburn (2006) resource guide to develop farm from planning to implementation for pasture based livestock

Targeted Grazing: A natural approach to vegetation management and landscape enhancement (National Sheep Industry Improvement Center and American Sheep Industry Association) 2006

How To Direct Market Your Beef by Jan Holder (2005). Marketing guide

Salad Bar Beef by Joel Salatin (1995) production and marketing guide

Marketing on the Edge A Marketing Guide for Progressive Farmers by Canadian Farm Business Management Council (2002) focuses on direct marketing.

The New Farmers' Market Farm-Fresh Ideas for Producers, Managers & Communities by Vance Corum, Marcie Rosenzweig & Eric Gibson (2001) in depth guide to farmers markets and necessary knowledge to be in a farmers market.

The Grassfed Gourmet Cookbook (Healthy Cooking & Good Living with Pasture-Raised Foods) by Shannon Hayes

The Farmer and the Grill (A Guide to Grilling, Barbecuing and Spit-Roasting Grassfed Meat) by Shannon Hayes