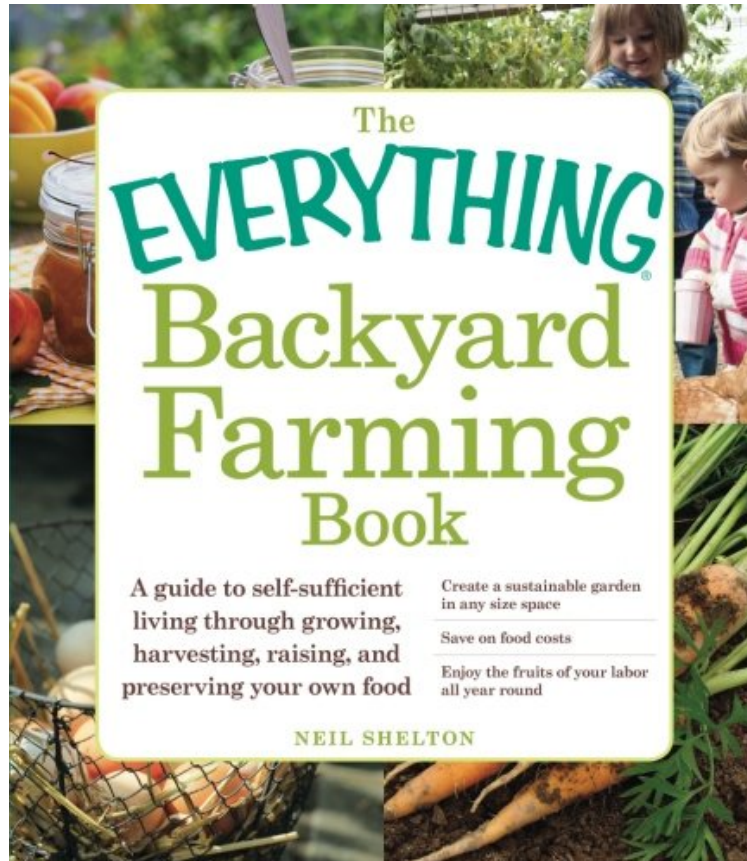


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As a modern consumer, you don't have much control over the food you put in your family's mouths, but as a backyard farmer, you can have 100 percent control. This basic statement encapsulates both the why and the how that is embedded in this thoughtful and thoroughly practical guide to feeding your family

without leaving home. Neil Shelton is the creator of the successful website, Homestead.org, providing weekly articles by various writers, including Shelton himself, on a wide range of subject matter, from birthing baby animals to burying your loved ones in a green and frugal way. A homesteader by conviction, the author has put his beliefs to the test on his land in the Ozarks. TEBFB is a large format, amply illustrated book that takes the reader through the basics and complexities of becoming a green revolutionary in ones backyard. Pointing out that farming doesnt have to be large scale to be successful, the author even examines issues such as how to placate neighbors if you live in tight urban quarters, who might not approve of seeing rows of edible green cabbage where once was a swath of inedible, high maintenance green grass. If you have to, start small, with salad veggies. Build raised beds, which are tidy and can even be attractive, and though labor intensive to get started, are sciatica-sufferer-friendly in the long haul. Maximize space by intensive planting. If you want a compost heap, be prepared to maintain it. Can you get some rabbit manure? A pond, a tractor, a toolshed, a greenhouse all excellent accouterment if you have sufficient acreage. Fencing is a boon for a variety of reasons keeping critters from doing what comes naturally (raiding your crops) and keeping your neighbors from seeing whats going on in your yard. While recognizing that we are all going to be dependent on mega-agribusiness, Shelton believes we can still produce much of the nutrition and flavor we need at home. He gives advice about what to grow as well as how to grow it, and extends his guidance to animal husbandry chickens, a pig, or even a miniature cow (I personally love this idea). Going beyond the raising to the keeping, TEBFB explores food preservation and selling what you grow, with a tip of the hat to the Community Supported Agriculture network. With few stones left unturned (or stacked up to make a barrier wall) TEBFB is a must-read for anyone considering getting back to the land, whether starting from scratch or converting your land, even a small backyard space, to a healthy, economical purpose. (This book first appeared at Curled Up with a Good Book) 4 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Good book so far! By Dustin As it is the holidays I haven't been able to devote as much time as I would like, but so far I love it. Neil is good people!

Self-sufficiency doesn't have to mean getting off the grid entirely. That level of independence isn't practical for most people. A backyard farm can provide an abundance of inexpensive food as well as additional income which can bring you real independence. Whether you're a first-timer who wants to start growing vegetables or an experienced gardener looking to expand a small plot into a minifarm, The Everything Backyard Farming Book has all you need, from growing fruits and vegetables to raising animals to preserving and storing food. With this common-sense guide, you will be able to take control of the food you eat - in an urban or suburban setting.