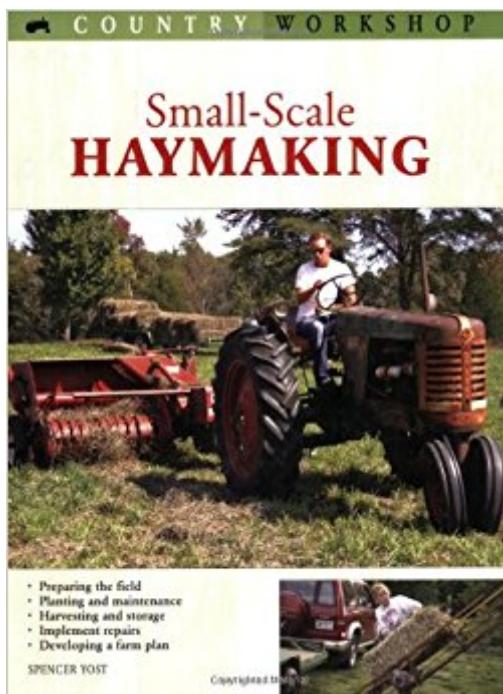


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Synopsis

For those who are undertaking haymaking for the first time, this book offers wise counsel and practical advice, providing step-by-step instructions that will see the new or casual farmer through the entire process. From plowing and planting the field to cutting, baling, and storing, author Spencer Yost clearly and concisely explains what to do, citing examples and describing instructive situations from his own experience as a hay farmer. He also includes ample information of the different types of haying equipment and basic machinery maintenance. Also includes informative sidebars on seed types and sowing information; using GPS surveying to estimate planting yields; how to test hay dryness with a microwave oven, and other helpful hints.

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Customer Reviews

I was very excited to see this book and purchased it in Kindle form. The author quickly got down to the point of saying small scale haymaking can only be possible with used equipment unless you have \$1,000,000 and want to do this as a tax write off or a hobby. The book is written for a person who has virtually no experience in agriculture and the associated equipment. The formatting of the book was very difficult to follow. Subjects jumped around with no transition or logic. Hopefully the printed version is better. An example is a discussion on rakes is interrupted by grass types. One piece of equipment is discussed then followed with a picture of another type. There are too many of these examples in the book to be just a one time problem. If the printed version is this way too, the editor didn't help the author much. Several major improvements might be :1) A discussion of the real

cost of making hay in regards to equipment, fuel, repairs, fertilizer, lime and grass seed compared to the return at a specific hay price per ton. This might be real eye opener for someone who might be considering this in an economic perspective.2) While Mr. Yost suggests used equipment, he makes only one reference to the horse power required of a tractor, the most important piece of data needed. Ironically, the most readily available used tractor is the Ford 8 N. It has about 29 hp. According to Mr. Yost, that tractor is too small for any baler. But would someone explain how hay was made when the average tractor was 25 hp? I once had a John Deere 24T baler with a Wisconsin engine. It did not take the tractor PTO to run it. The previous owner of the baler used an 8N to cut, ted, rake and bale hay.

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