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Preface

Animal Husbandry is intended primarily as a text for the basic course in animal industries and farm animals, as the case may be. It should prove useful as a reference book for those involved in livestock production. It is a concise and up-to-date collection of those facts and judgments that can give, a beginning student, a well-rounded and clear picture of the scope, importance and operations of our great livestock, the dairy industries. Every effort has been made to confine the material to the essential facts and to maintain student's interest by the liberal use of pictures, tables and charts.

Author

Chapter 1

Introduction

Animal Husbandry is an understanding of how to care for and manage domestic animals so that the animal's requirements for good health and welfare, and man's requirements for the use of these animals are met.

Animal husbandry is the science of taking care of domestic animals that are used primarily as food or product sources. In many places throughout the world, people are essentially specialists in animal husbandry by means of being farmers, ranchers, sheepherders, or anyone who takes care of a variety of animals. Anyone who takes care of domesticated animals, especially in large groups, is practicing animal husbandry. Animal husbandry, also called animal science, stockbreeding or simple husbandry, is the agricultural practice of breeding and raising livestock.

The science of animal husbandry is taught in many universities and colleges around the world. Students of animal science may pursue degrees in veterinary medicine following graduation, or go on to pursue master's degrees or doctorates in disciplines such as nutrition, genetics and breeding, or reproductive physiology. Graduates of these programmes may be found working in the veterinary and human pharmaceutical industries, the livestock and pet supply and feed industries, or in academia. Historically, certain sub-professions within the field of animal husbandry are specifically named according to the animals that are cared for.

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