

LIVING ON A FEW ACRES

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EXTENSION
Baker County

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HOMESTEADING

WHAT EXACTLY DOES IT MEAN TO HOMESTEAD?

Whatever you want it to mean!

- Just for fun/enjoyment.
- Provide some fresh vegetables.
- Provide some meat.
- Or...Provide most of your food.

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STARTING OUT

- PURCHASING LAND
- SETTING GOALS
- PLANNING & DESIGNING PROPERTY USE

- Land costs \$6-8k per acre in NE Florida
- Property taxes
- Able to purchase raw land?

- Start small
- Be realistic
- Include financial aspects

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WHAT CURRENTLY EXISTS
FENCING & STRUCTURES

Make use of current design to reduce costs. Think about what you want to keep and what may need to be removed.

WHAT YOU WANT
GARDENS & LIVESTOCK

List out what your short, medium, and long term objectives are. These will be crucial in effective land use planning.

DRAWING IT OUT
DESIGN YOUR PROPERTY

Put pen to paper and draw out how you will design your property to include what you want.



LAND USE PLANNING

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FIGURING OUT WHAT YOU WANT

BEING REALISTIC

VEGETABLES	FRUIT	LIVESTOCK
Seasonal production.	Seasonal production.	Year round production for small livestock.
Planting style can impact costs.	Timeline to produce.	Large amounts of meat from hogs & cattle.
Storing/Preservation.	Storing/Preservation.	Freezer space required.

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VEGETABLES

PLANNING YOUR GARDEN

Planting Style: Raised beds? In Ground? Pots? Greenhouse?


Size: What can you manage?

Cost: What is cost effective?

Include:

- Seed Starting Dates
- Planting Dates
- Plant Spacing Required
- Days to Harvest
- Optional: potential yields

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VEGETABLES

PLANNING YOUR GARDEN


Spring

Beans 3-4m
 Cucumber 6-8m
 Tomatoes 17-20m
 Peppers 18-22m
 Squash 18-24m
 Egg plant 18-40m
 + 6 corn rows, 6-12 seed

Tomatoes
 Peppers
 Squash
 Beans

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FRUIT

FRUITS TO CONSIDER

- Apple
- Pear
- Blackberry
- Blueberry
- Plum
- Grapes
- Fig
- Peach
- Nectarine
- Raspberry
- Persimmon
- Citrus
- Tropical

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FRUIT

PLANNING YOUR FRUIT GARDEN

- Irrigation/Frost Protection/Pollination
- Final plant size
- Production season
- Preservation

→ → → Blueberries
 Blackberries
 Raspberries
 grapes grapes
 pears peaches
 Citrus

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LIVESTOCK

LIVESTOCK PLANNING

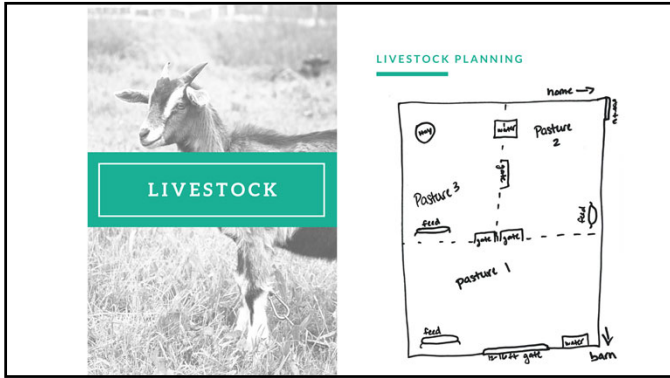
Things to Consider:

- Animal Housing
- Grazing/ Pasture Needs
- Effort Required
- Harvesting & Storage
- Cost Associated

Animals:

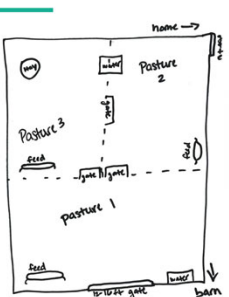
- Poultry (Meat & Eggs)
- Goats (Meat & Milk)
- Hogs (Meat)
- Cattle (Meat & Milk)

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LIVESTOCK

LIVESTOCK PLANNING



Home →
 Pasture 2
 Pasture 3
 Pasture 1
 water
 barn
 water gate

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