

# Getting Started with Beef



★ FAIR COW'S PATH FARM



# Things to do BEFORE Getting Beef Animals

## Know stocking rate for your property

- 1-2 beef animals per acre

## Fencing

- 4+ strand barbed wire
- Mesh WITH barbed wire/electric wire topper
- Electric wire best for *dividing* pastures

## Shelter

- Wooded areas/trees
- 3 sided structure for wind, rain, shade

## Manure management plan

- WCD can help



# Where to Buy Cattle

## Directly from local farmer/rancher

- Call or email farm to inquire

## Local livestock auction

- Everson Livestock Market

## Online

- Pacific Northwest Livestock Facebook page
- Craigslist 'Farm & Garden' section



# Feeding Your Beef

## Forage

- Quality hay or maintained pasture
- Consume 2-2.5% of their body weight per day
- Rotate through pastures based on forage resiliency
- Hay during winter or when pasture is poor

## Minerals & Salt

- Block or loose
- Whatcom is selenium and copper deficient
- Calcium and Phosphorus are important

## Finishing

- 90-120 days before slaughter
- Grain and/or choice forage

**\*\*CATTLE NEED TO DRINK A LOT OF WATER, ALWAYS HAVE AVAILABLE\*\***

# Additional Needs for Thriving Cattle

## 1+ Friend

- Other cattle, goats, sheep
- NOT most horses

## Seasonal Fly & Lice Control

- Powders, liquid, spray
- Fed-through
- Ear tags

## Vet Care

- Establish relationship before emergent need

## Deworming

- Test fecal samples
- Target treat





# Slaughtering

Book appointment 1+ year in advance

- Mobile on-farm
- Haul-in

Local Slaughter Companies

- Lynden Meat Company
- Ten Mile Meats
- Del Fox Custom Meats
- Andal's Custom Meats

# Contact Us

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