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Janet Vorwald Dohner : The Encyclopedia of Historic and Endangered Livestock and Poultry Breeds before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Encyclopedia of Historic and Endangered Livestock and Poultry Breeds:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By sue norris good reference book. I use it a lot in my researches. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Poor binding quality; good information. By Cathy R. Payne I was excited to discover this book and waited almost two years to invest \$85 in it, since I am a huge promoter and breeder of heritage breeds. Like others have observed, the sections on individual breeds are a bit sparse, and it is not in encyclopedia format. However, I have recently found the time to begin reading more in depth on each class of

livestock, and have discovered many historic gems of information in regard to livestock species development (cattle, swine, sheep, etc). As I began reading it cover to cover, I was dismayed to find a huge crack in the binding and the book falling apart on the cover page. Very disappointing for such an expensive book, and it is 4 months old so cannot be returned to . I would replace it if I could, though. It is a good basic reference. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Encyclopedia? By Rapunzel Good book but not really in encyclopedia format. I was expecting something searchable with a photograph and article about each breed. This is more of a cover to cover read than a reference encyclopedia. The information is good and the photos there are good just not what I expected as per the title.

The hardy, multipurpose Dominique chickens that came to the New World with the Pilgrims and later traveled in pioneer saddlebags to help settle the West were once too numerous to count; by 1990 a mere 500 hens survived. This is but a single example of the diminishing diversity of farm animals: half of once-common livestock breeds are endangered, others are already extinct. The need to preserve farm animal diversity is increasingly urgent, says the author of this definitive book on endangered breeds of livestock and poultry. Farmyard animals may hold critical keys for our survival, Jan Dohner warns, and with each extinction, genetic traits of potentially vital importance to our agricultural future or to medical progress are forever lost. This comprehensive book features: complete information on the history, characteristics, qualities, and traits of 138 endangered livestock breeds (goats, sheep, swine, cattle, horses, other equines) and 53 poultry breeds (chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese) where these breeds may be seen today the degree of rarity of each breed in the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada information on feral livestock populations 160 color photographs and over 80 black and white photos and historical illustrations

From Library Journal Why save the old, endangered breeds of livestock and poultry? Most would agree that maintaining genetic diversity is crucial, but there are other reasons as well. A librarian and researcher who raises rare Dominique and Delaware chickens, Dohner makes her case in this unique new reference. The encyclopedia discusses the merits of breed conservation and profiles nearly 200 individual breeds of livestock (goats, sheep, swine, cattle, horses, and other equines) and poultry (chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese). The specific breeds chosen are based on national priority lists, the historic importance of the breed, or its conservation success. The breed profiles are preceded by detailed sections on the natural history, domestication, and husbandry of that livestock species. The profiles are not arranged alphabetically but in historical and geographical context within the chapters on general animal groups (cows, swine, etc.), so it is necessary to use the index for quick lookups of particular breeds. Dohner has researched her subject thoroughly, drawing from a wide variety of published resources as well as her contacts with breed organizations in the United States, Canada, and Britain. She excels at drawing out relevant and interesting breed histories, physical descriptions, and, if known, a breed's current status (vulnerable, rare, critical, etc.). There are approximately 250 illustrations, including a 32-page section of color plates. While historic breeds like the Texas Longhorn, Clydesdale, and Rhode Island Red are immediately recognizable, many more are not. How many readers have seen or even heard of the Clun Forest sheep, American Cream draft horse, Dutch Belted cow, or Silver Appleyard duck? This encyclopedia may be a little pricey for libraries on modest budgets but should be well worth the money based on likely interest and use. Highly recommended for public and academic libraries. William H. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. "A valuable contribution to the argument that rare breeds of farm animals are as important to preserve as wild species." -- Lyle G. McNeal, founding director, Navajo Sheep Project [A]n exhaustively researched resource A comprehensive work, it supplies information not in other sources or in one volume. -- Choice From the Publisher The Yale Agrarian Studies Series