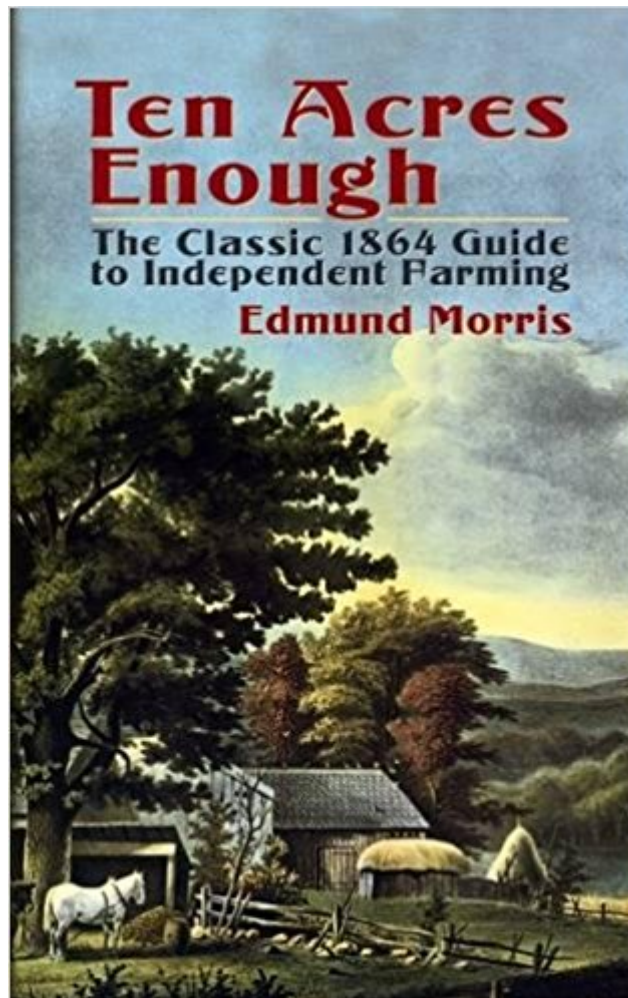




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Ten Acres Enough: The Classic 1864 Guide To Independent Farming



Synopsis

When author Edmund Morris left the Philadelphia business world in the early 1800s and bought a small farm in the New Jersey countryside, he was so pleased with the results of his venture that he decided to tell others how he accomplished it. His simply written chronicle is one of the most popular books of its time and emphasizes that agricultural success depends not on how much you grow but on what and how. Between thoughtful discussions of choosing the location, selecting crops, and planting an orchard, he contrasts city and country life, despairs over weeds and raising pigs, counts his gains and losses at the end of the first year, and writes warmly about the joys of establishing a home. Easy to comprehend and intended for anyone who wants to get away from it all, this delightfully written book will captivate Americana enthusiasts, would-be owners of small farms, and anyone drawn to the idea of an agrarian lifestyle.

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This is a fantastic book about self sufficiency. The only knock is it is dated. But it was written over 150 years ago. It has some interesting information about the economy from the past that you don't hear a lot about too. It helps feel better about these bad times we live in now. It shows it won't last forever. Did you know that even during the great depression they had previous bad times to look to. Believe it or not each generation is not the first to suffer, nor will they be the last. Good times will come again. And what we learn during the bad times determines the success we will have when times are good. This book teaches more than just farming, though that is the featured aspect. IT

was an enjoyable read. I would love to have a modern author do a similar experiment and write an updated version. Maybe that book will still sell for 200 years.

I enjoy history, farming and old school ways of doing things. This book is an excellent read and while some today may think it can't or shouldn't be done I think more small farmers should focus on "truck farming" similarly to how this book describes it. Our need for local, healthy food would be met in a healthier more sustainable manner.

Love the story about leaving the big city for the country life. Seems people have been doing this for hundreds of years. Some good info too about starting a small scale homestead. Still valid even today. Going to need to add some rabbits to my homestead because even though my cats seem to breed like rabbits I'm not ready to start eating them yet.

This is a fascinating read. Though it was written well over a century ago, it still gives basic tips on that can be used today on a small plot of land. Times have changed in the marketing of products, so I do not believe a person can make a living as he suggests. However, many people have been successful raising fruit to sell locally on small acreage in today's market. The author has some great tips for this, on how to prepare an orchard and how to make the most of your land.

Excellent read. A insight into life of the mid 1800s. Glad I purchased it. Makes you thankful for the luxuries of today.

Great book.

The book was amazing. I highly recommend you borrow it from your local library....I just hate that I was forced to pay for prime for a year.... because I wanted to try a trial and you took the money out of my account immediately, yet in a year, you have offered no service worth the 100.

The way in which Morris expresses himself is quaint, funny, and pithy. There are few unnecessary words in this tiny book. Large passages involving boom and bust feel especially relevant after the Great Recession. Morris sounds surprisingly modern. He embraces science, encourages his readers to question tradition but dotes on his family. He has several sharp observations regarding the relationship between a happy wife and happy life. Highly recommend both to back-to-the-land

types and those to appreciate a more formal writing style.

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