

# Guides to Bringing a Croft into Production



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## Livestock Considerations

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There are many considerations when considering what species of livestock you will introduce to your croft. Having decided what species and breed you would like on your croft, there are a number of ways to acquire your new stock. In this guide we will take a brief look at your main considerations.

### What Species?



- Do you have experience in keeping any species of animal and if not, do you have help nearby?
- All livestock will need to be handled. Do you have or can you get access to handling facilities?
- If livestock need to be housed, can you access shed space or are you prepared to invest?
- Is there a market demand for the species you want to keep and then sell?
- Is there suitable infrastructure on your croft? For example, if you were to farm deer, you would require deer fencing.
- Do you have capital to purchase the species you want? For example, cattle would require a far higher

