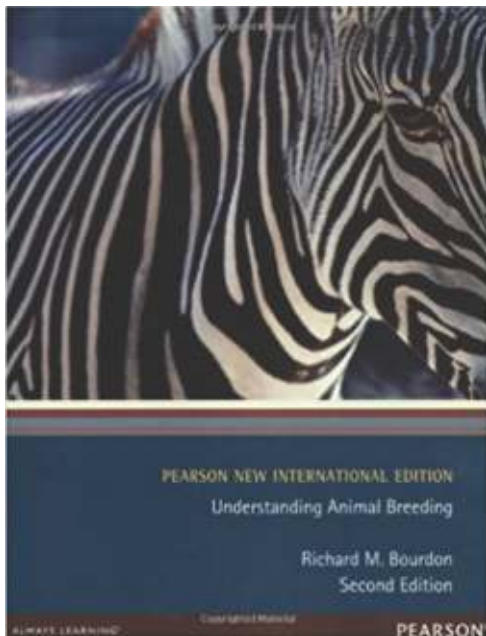


# A GOOD READ

Impressions:

## Understanding Animal Breeding (Second Edition)

*Richard M Bourdon*



In the author's own words, the book is presented as "... a learning text, not simply as a reference book". It is designed not just to present information, but to teach how that information is best perceived".

Rick Bourdon's experience as an animal breeding educator clearly shows in the pages of the book. He has the ability to explain concepts, sometimes abstract, to the reader in a palatable way. The book follows understandable logic and also digs a bit deeper into the necessary theory (including mathematics) but ends up with practical applications and consequences of breeding and selection decisions.

Although aimed at a better understanding of animal breeding, the book was written to accommodate readers without prior knowledge in mathematics and genetics.

Modern breeders of livestock need to familiarise themselves with the essential concepts underpinning breeding and genetics. It is after all a science and need to be treated as such. Bourdon's book can go a very long way when added to the arsenal of those involved with breeding livestock. ■

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The best advice I ever got was that knowledge is power and to keep reading.

- David Bailey -