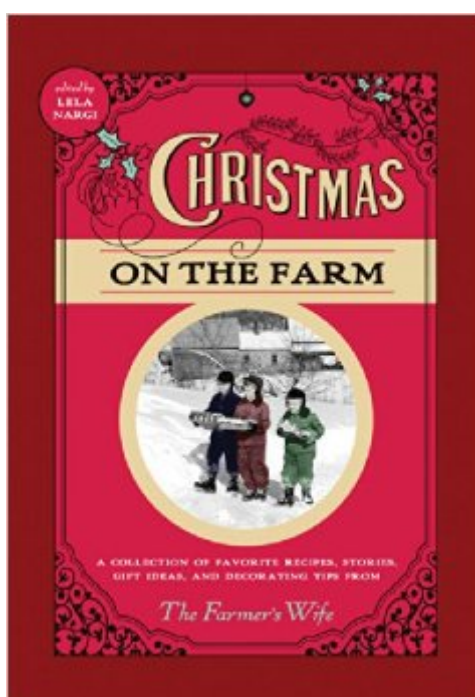


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# Christmas On The Farm: A Collection Of Favorite Recipes, Stories, Gift Ideas, And Decorating Tips From The Farmer's Wife



## Synopsis

Christmas was the be-all, end-all celebration on the farm. Pages and pages on the topic appeared in *The Farmer's Wife*, and these pages weren't just about food—although recipes for all the various components of parties and holiday gift baskets certainly abounded. The magazine's experts expounded on the best and latest ways to decorate home, tree, and parcels and to create homemade gifts for family and friends, as well as games to be played to capture the spirit of the season. In short, *The Farmer's Wife* presented its own opinion—both grand and humble, broad and minute, and always, always bearing in mind the idea of community among its readers—about the ways in which Christmas should be celebrated. You'll find in this book a smattering of that opinion. Here are recipes to see you through the entire Christmas season; gift ideas guaranteed to get your creative juices flowing; tips for decking your halls; and even a few stories to delight both the young and the young at heart.

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Christmas on the Farm A collection of Favorite Recipes, Stories, Gift Ideas, And Decorating Tips from *The Farmer's Wife* Edited by Lela Nargi Nostalgic treasures from *The Farmer's Wife* magazine that was published between 1893 and 1939 for women to find a sense of community among other farmer's wives, by swapping recipes, farming ideas and much more. This book provides recipes from days gone by to create your own reminiscent Christmas dinner from the Christmas Holiday Soup to appetizers like cheese puffs and pigs in a blanket. Roasted duck or goose for the main dish and a

list of holiday dishes to go along with each. Articles on how to stuff the bird, and actual recipes from the magazine. But it doesn't stop there, the book continues after the perfect Christmas dinner is planned to incorporate gift making ideas, games to play at your get together, decorations to make your home look festive on a tight budget, and even stories to share with your guests. My favorite section was the candy, cookies and cakes... loved the old fashioned recipes for rich candies and cookies for sharing with neighbors. I am going to try several this holiday season and imagine that many will make it to the permanent spot on the Christmas cookie platter. I love the ideas and memories of days gone by. This is a great book to look through on your own and utilize the fantastic ideas and recipes. Also would be a great gift idea for a grandparent or someone interested in homesteading. I appreciate Voyageur Press for providing me a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This book contains a compilation of articles and recipes found in *The Farmer's Wife* magazine from the years 1893 and 1939. The illustrations are black and white or sepia and white which is of course accurate but also adds to the vintage feel of the generously-sized volume. Contained within the pages are many recipes, decorating and gift idea suggestions that while definitely dated and perhaps in some cases now impractical, they nonetheless provide a charming and fascinating view into an era long past. The chapters include Introduction, Cooking the Big Dinner (To Start, Main Courses, Side Dishes, Desserts,) Making Festive Gifts and Decorations (Candy, Cookies and Cakes, Other gifts, Decorations,) After Holiday Entertainment (A Few Games to Enliven the Party, Stories of and for Christmas,) and the Index which contains extensive cross-referencing so any particular item can be located quickly. Finding all of this information compiled in one place is a treasure and provides a clear picture of the time period and Christmas traditions. This volume would make a unique gift for any holiday, cooking or history buff.

Truly a great book filled with a wonderful collection of recipes, stories, and tidbits. A great nostalgia book for anyone yearning for years of Christmas past!

I bought this as a gift for the hardest name on my list. She calls all the time now to read me pieces of the book. GREAT gift

I bought this as a present for my friend because I wanted an old timey lovely gift. I recommend this book.

I bought this for me. I love to read about how life was when I was a little girl. Haven't started reading it yet, but it looks good.

This was alright. A lot of recipes, not too much in the remembrance, anecdotal department. I was a bit disappointed.

Wonderful book! Takes me back to Christmas during my childhood years! An enjoyable book. Front cover is charming & draws people in to look at it.

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