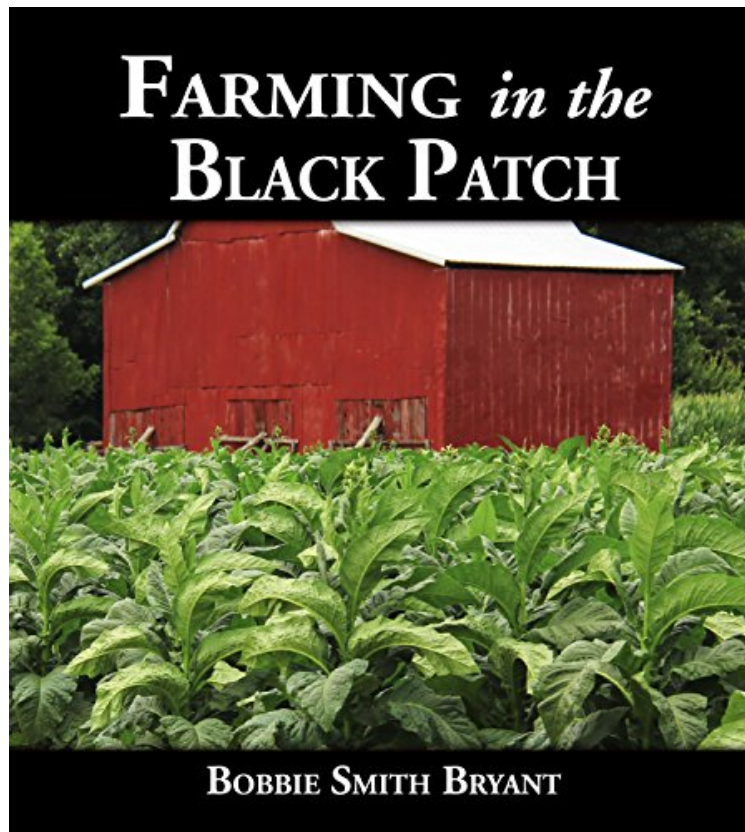


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Smoking BarnBy CustomerDriving down rural roads, the smell and visual of a smoking tobacco barn brings pleasure to my senses. I just never knew much about how this whole tobacco farming process works. This book is exceptional in its blend of history, science, culture and family. The generous but tastefully spaced pictures and text give a certain sense of realism to each topic that is discussed. Additionally, the quality of the book is remarkable. Under the dust jacket, the same red barn and tobacco plants are pictured on the hard cover. The pages are thick, semi-glossy, clear and have easily readable text. It'll last a long time. If you or someone else you know have any interest in the subject matter, I think it will be truly appreciated.

The Black Patch region of far western Kentucky and Tennessee is known for its dark, rich soil, locally produced dark-fired tobacco, and proud heritage of family farms. In her new book, *Farming in the Black Patch*, Kentucky author Bobbie Smith Bryant captures the culture of the region and the intricacies of tobacco production. She details the arduous work of running a modern tobacco farm, but also records much of the region's history, including the Black Patch War of the early twentieth century. This beautiful, nine-by-ten-inch book includes 192 pages and hundreds of

full-color photos. It s a wonderful tribute to a way of life savored by generations of farm families.

About the AuthorBobbie Smith Bryant is a native Kentuckian, born in the Black Patch of Calloway County. She is proud of her family's farming heritage, providing marketing and promotional assistance, as well as historic and genealogical research, to Smith Farms. Bobbie also serves the Kentucky League of Cities as a community development advisor. For more than twenty years, she has assisted Kentucky cities with community and economic development issues. A rising Kentucky author, Bobbie previously published *Passions of the Black Patch: Cooking and Quilting in Western Kentucky*, and *Forty Acres A Red Belly Ford: The Smith Family of Calloway County*. She also served as co-producer of the PBS film, *Farming in the Black Patch*.