The Other Economy: Pastoral Husbandry On A Medieval Estate

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While the cereal agriculture of medieval Europe has been studied exhaustively, the pastoral resources and livestock husbandry of medieval estates have been largely neglected. Kathleen Biddick, in her groundbreaking work, challenges many of the theories of M. M. Postan and others about the effects of the Black Death on the medieval economy. She artfully decrypts the medieval traces of “make live” in “make die,” and presents a new perspective on the economy of the medieval estate.

Biddick's The Other Economy: Pastoral Husbandry on a Medieval Estate is a must-read for anyone interested in medieval economic history. It is a detailed study of the pastoral economy of medieval Europe, using examples from England and the Midlands. The book explores the interplay between agriculture and pastoral husbandry, and how these activities contributed to the overall economy of the time.

Biddick's work has been widely praised for its innovative approach and its contribution to the field of medieval studies. It is a valuable resource for historians, economists, and anyone interested in the medieval period.