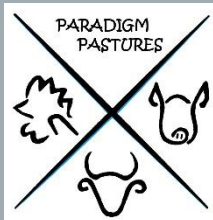


CHICKEN TENDER TIMES

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Greetings from Paradigm Pastures, and welcome to our monthly newsletter. We have been rocking and rolling in our efforts to practice humane animal husbandry in raising pastured poultry!



What's been going on:

The weather is getting colder, and the fireplaces have been lit. Final mowings for the season are going to get done, and most of the equipment will be winterized or pulled to the shop for maintenance during the cold months. Several of the chicken tractor frames need repair or rebuild, so this winter will be busy with projects as well as upgrades to the new shop. This will be the first functional winter for the shop, so we will see how the electrical and endcaps hold up against the wind and snow. Before that, though, we have turkeys out on pasture. They are doing great (as usual), and they are growing perfectly. The orders have streamed in, and we are planning for processing day. This year, processing will be on Saturday, November 22. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated for processing. Some people like to see what is involved in getting these beautiful birds to our customers' Thanksgiving tables, while others enjoy getting together during this end-of-season event. It has become an annual tradition for some of those people that we really enjoy spending time with, but don't get a chance to see often. We appreciate the help, and we look forward to celebrating the end of a successful season with some of our favorite people. We also still have the egg-layers, and they are enjoying the cooler weather that brings lots of garden scraps, pumpkins, and end-of-season goodies. As expected, their egg production has decreased slightly with the shorter days, but eggs are still available for those who need them. Another annual event on our farm during the late fall is the 250th Marine Corps Birthday. We will not be having the large event this year that we normally do, but all Marines are welcome to join us on 10 Nov for the typical celebrations. Next year will be an even bigger event, but this year we have some projects to finish up before turkey processing and Thanksgiving. Speaking of which, we hope you spend the upcoming holidays with those you love! Thank you for your support!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



The weather is getting colder, but not typically as cold as it has been around here. There are actually some plants still flowering, so the bees are still hanging around the gardens. Of course, they are only out when it is above 50°, but there have been quite a few of those lately. When opening hives, the weather needs to be dry, above 50°, and no more than a light wind if any at all. Because of the wind and humidity this time of year, it's rare to get to open the hives, but that's exactly what I'll be doing soon to consolidate frames and minimize hives to their smallest level in preparation for winterizing. Hopefully this winter is nicer to the girls than last winter was!



Weapons Training

Interest in weapons training is as strong as ever, so we want to remind you how to sign up. Quentin offers Iowa Concealed Carry training, introductory marksmanship for new or returning shooters, and familiarization training for those that recently purchased a new weapon. Even if you are considering purchasing a weapon and want to try it out before you purchase it, he may have one you can fire before you invest. He specializes in one-on-one training or small group sessions. Sign up or inquire below:

[Field Fire](#)

THE SHOP IS OPEN!

If you need something cozy for the upcoming chilly weather, honey for your winter tea, or eggs for a warm breakfast, check out the farm shop to see what we have available:

[Paradigm Pastures](#)