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:

What a crazy summer! We've written several newsletters and not been able to publish them because of the technical issues we've been working through. If you received our e-mail update, then you know that our computer has been a horrible headache recently. Between corrupt drivers, bad power supplies, and inactive websites, we finally got it all straightened it out just in time to report on the end of the chicken season. We processed the Freedom Rangers at the end of Sept, and they were so healthy and strong. After 12 weeks on pasture, they came out to the same weight that the Cornish Cross breed typically did after 8 weeks. We had a few as small as 4lbs and some as large as 6.5lbs, but most of them were in the 5.5-6lb range that we usually strive for. They were beautiful birds that thrived on pasture. They were well equipped for the heat of the summer, and we didn't have any with the issues we've seen with Cornish Cross in the past. We were fairly sure they would be this healthy, but we weren't prepared for how wonderful the meat would taste. This may very well be the breed we decide on moving forward with our batches. Of course, that will have to wait until next year as we are done with chickens for the year. Now we are focused on the turkeys. They turkeys are happy and healthy and out on pasture. We had to send out the initial invoices separately since the website was not up, but we are not able to take turkey orders through the website as usual. Processing day this year will be Saturday, 22 November, so turkey pick up will be on Sunday, 23 November from 10am-1pm. We strongly recommend bringing an insulated cooler or bag to pick up your order. If you aren't able to pick your order up on that day, please let us know so that we can arrange something else. The birds will be fresh and unfrozen, but any birds left after pickup day will be put in the freezer. We look forward to seeing you soon, and thank you all for your support!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



Honey harvest is done! The last winter was very harsh on the hives, so this harvest was smaller than last year. I need to make sure that there is enough honey for the winter and get the hives properly winterized and mite treated so they can withstand what is anticipated to be a very cold winter. For now, I have to feed them, get them pollen, and ensure they have quilt boxes and hive wraps. I won't actually wrap them until the weather gets below 30-40°, but I do need to prepare all the equipment so it's ready whenever the harsh cold hits.







Don't wait too long!

Every year, we get people that ask us in November if we still have turkeys, and every year we have to tell them no. We still have a few Thanksgiving turkeys available for pre-order. Pickup is the Sunday before Thanksgiving, so they will be fresh for the big day. Don't wait until the last minute to place your order by clicking on the link below:

Turkey Orders

THE WEATHER IS COOLING DOWN!

If you need something cozy for the upcoming sweater weather, check out our crewneck and hoodie sweatshirts.

Don't forget your eggs and honey while you're at the online shop:

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