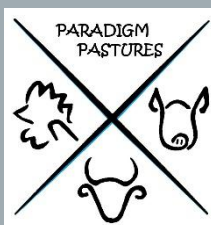


CHICKEN TENDER TIMES

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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:

Is winter over already? It may technically be our “offseason”, but there was no shutting off the work this year. The shop building has been an ongoing project, and it looks like a different building than it did 4 months ago. The exterior and interior framing and siding are done, and we officially have lights! Quentin has been putting in long hours getting the lighting and wiring run so we can have a fully functioning shop this year. There are breakers, lights, and outlets throughout the building. We still have some plumbing, power doors, and insulation left before it's done, though. After the shop is done, we will get back on the fenceline in anticipation of getting the goats. Yes, goats are still in the plan! We had to get a facility for kidding, wintering, and triage before we committed to the larger animals, so the building jumped to the front of the line. Speaking of animals, we have chicks! Baby meat birds have officially arrived, so the pre-orders for those are up on the website. We have some pre-orders already in and a number of you have been asking when they will be posted, so don't delay in getting on the website and placing your orders. They will be gone before you know it. We also have eggs in stock. The layers did great and kept us in eggs throughout the cold months, but our oldest hens have aged out. The first batch of layers we got was a batch of 25 buckeyes in 2020. They are now 5 years old and out of their laying years, so we have had to order more and cull the older girls. These birds are amazing, and we hope the years of scratch grains, fresh grass, and lots of insects has been a happy home for them. There are lots of other things that will be going on this year including some farm tours, a farmer meet-up or two, and of course our regularly scheduled family and friends gatherings (July 4th, Marine Corps birthday, and Thanksgiving to name a few). If you would like to be involved in the fence-building, farmer meet-ups, or Thanksgiving turkey processing, we always have a spot for you. We actually get a lot of interest from friends that want to come out and get their hands dirty, so just let us know. Without you, there is no us, and we're thankful for you all!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



We have bees! Overwintering hives is always an anxiety-inducing event, because the weather has been so unpredictable. You have to hope the wraps are warm enough, the vents keep humidity low, and there is enough feed to keep them going until the nectar flow. Now that the weather is getting warmer, we are starting to see the activity out front of the hives. The wraps are still on because the nights are still pretty chilly, but the days are warming up. I will open them up this week to give them some feed. Spring has sprung!



Field Fire Classes:

Field Fire will be introducing a new firearms/marksmanship class calendar this year, so keep an eye out for the upcoming schedule. Quentin is a Certified Concealed Carry Instructor for the state of Iowa (and is working on his Nebraska cert as well). Right now he is offering one-on-one or small group classes based on your availability. The classes cover everything you would need as a new gun owner, a potential gun owner, or if you just want to knock the rust off your unused skills. Check out the link below to get more info:

[FIELD FIRE](#)

CHICKEN PRE-ORDERS ARE ON THE SITE!

You can pre-order for the first 2 batches now. Click the link below to place your pre-order and pick up some eggs or a sweatshirt while you're there:

[Paradigm Pastures](#)