

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:

Spring is finally actually here! We've had a stretch of beautiful weather that has allowed us to get batch 1 of the broilers out on pasture and get the garden planted. Batch 2 is a whopping 100 babies, and they are in the brooder while the older broilers are mowing down our smallest pasture and putting on some size. They are getting the hang of moving with the tractors each day. It usually takes a couple of weeks, but eventually they anticipate the move and the new grass. They will actually walk to the front of the tractor when they see us put on the wheels and grab the guide rope. They look forward to moving up to fresh grass and catching any grasshoppers and bugs that they find. The egg-layers are loving their new egg-mobile and are moving around the other pastures bits at a time. Once we get the larger livestock (after the ongoing fence work is done), the layers will follow that livestock so they can help spread the manure that is left behind. Our primary focus and crop in this whole endeavor is grass...we are ultimately grass-farmers. This cycle of rotational grazing, fertilizing, and rest is necessary to ensure that our soil is as healthy as possible. All of these lessons and foundational elements were reinforced at the Advanced Grazing School that Quentin attended this past month. It was 3 days with Greg Judy and guest speakers at the Green Pastures Farm in Moberly, MO. We thought it was a good idea to have as solid a foundation as possible on how to approach healthy regenerative farming with larger animals, so attending this class was a no-brainer for us! Of course, we still have to make sure we take care of our chickens and chicken customers are taken care of. We have a Meet the Producer event up at One Farm farm store in Logan, IA on Saturday, May 21st so we can properly greet any customers that want to shake hands and say hello before our first processing in early June. Don't forget that we will be processing the first week of June and our pick-up day is on Saturday, June 11th. We look forward to seeing you there, and we appreciate your support!



PRE-ORDERS CAN NOW BE PLACED!

We have already had pre-orders placed for the upcoming first batch of chickens. Actually, we've had pre-orders for nearly all of this year's batches placed already. Don't miss out as our birds are on a First-Come, First-Served basis! Pre-orders for chickens, pieced chicken, eggs, and merch can be found at our farm store:

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WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



The hive stand is complete, and the queens are busy laying eggs! Bee-yonce, Bee-zus, and Bhad Bha-bee are all packing cells full of honey and raising brood to replace those that died off during the winter. As the flowering trees, dandelions, and field plants & grasses come alive, they are getting ready for the nectar flow that will be here shortly. That's when they stock up on honey and pollen. While they are enjoying the plant life, I'll be swapping out old frames, replacing any worn equipment, and getting ready for honey harvest this fall!



MAJOR'S LOG UPDATE:

For those who follow us on social media, you've likely seen a Major's Log video. These updates include chickens, farm equipment, and general silliness as well as following our journey of building up the farm. We've had so many people enjoy sharing a laugh with Quentin on there that he finally decided to do something he's been asked to do for years. He's started a YouTube channel! If you want to check out the videos, just look for **Quentin Carritt** or **Paradigm Pastures** on your YouTube app and subscribe to the channel. If you don't follow us on social media...what are you waiting for?!