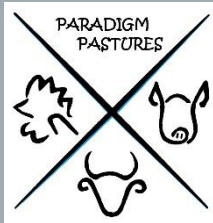


CHICKEN TENDER TIMES

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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:

To say the season is in full swing would be an understatement! We have a fully planted garden we have 3 flocks of chickens running, and we are constantly working on either getting something up and running or completing a project before moving on to the next one. The laying hens have shifted to full summer laying mode, and we are getting about 24-30 eggs per day! We also have a batch of young layers in the brooder that we are raising for a couple of customers that will be picking them up just prior to laying age. This is convenient for anyone who either doesn't have the space, facilities, or time to tend to the young ones while they are the most vulnerable but still want their own eggs on hand. We are taking on the responsibility to make sure that they are cared for before they feather out and can go on pasture and to ensure they get the right care leading up to them being able to lay. The broilers have been moved out of the brooder and are loving the green grass and moderate weather. It's hard to believe that the first processing day will be here in less than 2 weeks! We were a little late getting it published to the website, but the pre-orders for the season have been loaded and are currently on the farm store if you want to get your orders in. We are going to have fewer batches this year, because we will be focusing on getting the fence work and watering system done that will be necessary for larger livestock. Last season and this winter have been all about clearing the path and doing dirt work to support the new fence. We're now in a position to get the actual fence up, so that will be a top priority (along with several other projects on the house). Speaking of projects, we were gifted some telephone poles that we will use to hang up the beautiful sign that was custom-made for us. Hopefully we can get that sealed, mounted, and hung up before summer is in full swing. As we work in the pasture, dig in the garden, and tend to the animals, we are constantly reminded how blessed we are to live the life that we do. Thank you for being part of it!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



That darn cold snap got us! We lost a hive due to the cold snap that hit around late Mar/early April. Unfortunately, we had to get another queen to keep the hives going, but we decided to get a couple of queens while we were at it to go ahead and expand the apiary since we've been wanting to do that for a while. The other hives are bustling, so we used some of the frames from them to supplement the new queens. So far, the queens have successfully integrated, and we will check in a week or so to see if they are laying!



Shoutout to our girl!

As many of you know, both of our children live with us while they finish their college degrees. This month on May, 19th, our daughter Kelsey will be walking the stage to receive her Bachelor's degree in Computer Science. We are beyond proud of her hard work and determination in this endeavor. "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." – Dr. Suess. Congratulations, baby girl!

PRE-ORDER CHICKENS NOW!

The dates and quantities have been updated for this season, so you can now place your pre-orders on our farm store! While you're there, we have eggs and honey in stock as well:

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