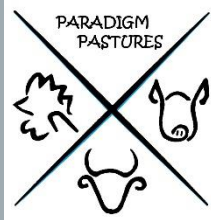


CHICKEN TENDER TIMES

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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 arrived with a bang! Just about the time we thought we were going to ease our way into the season, tornado watches started popping up. Our corner of the state has been hit pretty hard with tornadoes, and Crescent specifically was hit directly. While we made it through the season untouched, some very good people and friends of ours nearby have been devastated by the weather. A lot of time lately has been focused on helping them get back on their feet. The area we chose to be our permanent community after retirement has proven to be absolutely packed with some of the best people we could imagine! The people in the area came together to offer heavy equipment, donations, manpower, and anything else that they could to help those affected by these natural disasters. It's such a blessing to be surrounded by that sort of grace. The rainy weather has also put a little bit of a delay on the concrete pad for the shop as well, but we appear to be back on track. The electrical run is in place, the plumbing is piped in, and a new septic tank has been installed. After some great advice from friends, we decided to install a drainage trough in the ground as well as an RV connection. We are anticipating getting the concrete poured the first part of June, so the erection of the Quonset building will take place after that. We hope to have the building up by our annual July 4th celebration. In addition, the meat birds are doing great and are scheduled to be processed June 1st. That batch is sold out, but we do have some available for the second batch due to be processed at the end of July. The plants are all planted in the garden, and the trellis is up for the luffa gourds. We've been working on a no dig garden, and after 4 years it appears to be working! Weeds come in rarely, and the ones that do are easily plucked. Asparagus and rhubarb have already been harvested, so we anticipate plenty of zucchini and lettuce will be on the menu soon as well. If you come over for the Independence Day fireworks show, you'll probably get a plate full of all of them! We hope you are doing well, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



The hives are overflowing with bees! We picked up a couple of nuc boxes to replace the 2 hives lost this winter with the negative temperatures. Those new boxes are already full and almost ready for a second deep to go on. The first round of mite treatment strips is in place, and those will remain in place for 6 weeks. After that, the queen excluders and honey supers will go on. We will probably harvest a little early this year to ensure they have plenty of time to store honey for the winter. We don't want to lose hives again this winter year if we can help it!



Memorial Day Weekend

Memorial Day is almost upon us, and it is a time of year that many people use the long weekend to catch up on outdoor chores, spend time in the sunshine with friends and family, and enjoy something on the grill with a cold beverage. We have lost active-duty friends and family, and none of them would ever want this weekend to be a somber or sad time. So have a great weekend and enjoy the weather, but try to take a moment to raise a toast, bow your head, or just remember those that are have given all for our freedom.

PRE-ORDER NOW!

Batch 1 is sold out, but we still have birds available for the other batches. They are going quickly, though, so don't forget to pre-order yours now:

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