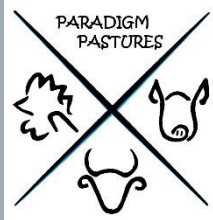


CHICKEN TENDER TIMES

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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:

Can you believe how quickly this season has gone by?! The last chicken processing day is right around the corner, and the turkeys are getting ready to move out on pasture. We have pre-sold all the turkeys this year, and they are doing so well. They love when they go out on pasture because turkeys forage even more than chickens. The grass mixture in our pasture has a lot for them to enjoy, but we also supplement that with herbs and veggies from the garden on top of their regular locally mixed feed. They don't have the nervousness of the chickens, so they will walk right up to us and eat the herbs out of our hands. The egg-layers are doing well also, and the little girls have started to lay. We are training them to use the nest boxes, and they are catching on quite well. Once they lay in the nest boxes regularly, we will band their legs and let them out on pasture with the big girls. We are on the hunt for a horse trailer that we can convert to a mobile layer house. This will allow us to keep them all together in one area rather than separate tractors as they are now. We will also be able to grow the flock even further as our sales have increased for yet another season. The article in the local paper as well as additional marketing efforts has broadened our customer base and brought in new customers that are very excited about what we are doing on the farm. As we begin to wind down the season, we will be clearing land to continue with our fence project. We also consulted with a local conservationist (thank you Jason Anderson), and we have come up with a plan for preparing for controlled burns in the spring. Healing the land isn't just about the animals we put on it. We must do our part to encourage the native grasses to come back, remove invasive species, and minimize erosion that can occur from years of human manipulation. Hopefully we treat it well enough that it will do the same for us in the coming years. Thank you so much for your support!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



The honey harvest was wonderful this year! My friend Jessica Urban came over to help extract the honey from the frames, and we came out with 60 5-oz jars of Bees & Carritts wildflower honey as well as enough for our family to use throughout the coming year. I put it on the site, and more than half of it has sold already! I've made some splits, and the girls are stocking their hives up for the cold weather. Now it is time for mite treatments, hive repairs, feeding and supplements, and winter preparation. Don't forget that you'll want honey from your local area if you use it for allergies.



Check out the following updates to our website:

New Recipes

Sunomono (Japanese Cucumber) Salad
Steaky Joes

Thanksgiving turkeys have **SOLD OUT!** We still have whole chickens, pieced chicken, dog treats, eggs, and merchandise if you're interested. Visit our farm-store at:

<http://www.paradigmpastures.com>