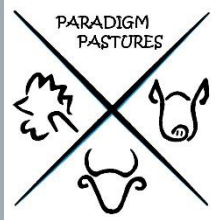


CHICKEN TENDER TIMES

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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:

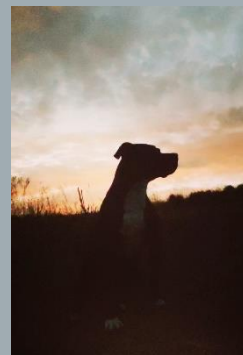
Turkeys are here, and they are growing like weeds! We have the turkeys out on pasture, and they are loving the fresh grass. Before we know it, they will be raptor-sized and processing day will be upon us. Speaking of processing day, we always have a number of volunteers that like to come out to process the turkeys with us. This year will be no different. We will be processing on the Saturday before Thanksgiving (Nov 18). Processing typically starts around 8 am, and we usually finish around lunch time. Turkey pick-up will be on Sunday, Nov 19 at 12:00 – 3:00 pm. This will give plenty of time to put the birds in a brine and have them ready for the big day! Processing day is the hardest day for us during each cycle of birds, but we understand it's part of the cycle of knowing where your food comes from and how it was raised. It is also an opportunity for people to get more involved in the process of providing their own food and connecting with the people that raise that food. For us, it's an opportunity to meet with our customers face to face, work with the people that want to learn how to process, and celebrate the end of another successful season. And a successful season it has been! We only raised 4 batches of broilers this year, but they went fairly smoothly (we still have some limited stock if you haven't ordered yet). We also introduced a new service concerning our egg-layers. We raise them from 1-day old until they are of laying age (around 15-18 weeks) when the customer comes to pick them up. This is only on a pre-order basis, and we sell them in minimum orders of 3 each. Chickens are social flock birds so they do much better in groups, and this ensures that the customer would still have egg-layers if something were to happen to one of the birds. We don't raise roosters, so there's no chance of fertilized eggs or increasing population. Most birds produce around 4-6 eggs per week per bird, so this is a great way to provide eggs for a family without requiring the extra space for a brooder or assuming the risk of raising baby chicks. Let us know if you're interested, and as always thank you so much for your support!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



The girls have been busy, busy, busy! This time of year, they are building up their stores for winter. They will be using any flowers that provide pollen & nectar to complete their stores before the winter gets below 50°. If you've ever thought of putting out flowers for pollinators, here are some things you can do to help year round:

- ❖ Avoid killing off dandelions - they are the first harvest with nectar
- ❖ Don't mow too short until June – keep the blade up high Apr/May
- ❖ Check for pollinator flowers that bloom in late summer/early Fall



Egg Cartons Wanted

Our egg-layers are doing their jobs...almost too well! We have run low on egg cartons and are asking for donations! Rather than generate more trash, we would be happy to take those empty egg-cartons off your hands. We use them to their full potential, so you know they won't go to waste. We use them for egg sales, and when they get too old they become egg collection cartons. We even use the really old paper ones as garden grow-cups! Just let us know where to pick them up, or use it as an excuse to come visit us! We appreciate whatever you can give 😊

TURKEYS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

We still have some turkeys available for Thanksgiving pre-order. Inevitably we always get calls in Oct/Nov asking if we still have some, but we are always sold out by then. Don't wait until the last minute...get your order in now:

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