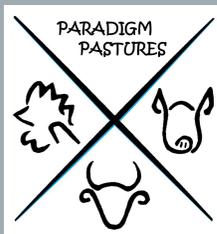


CHICKEN TENDER TIMES

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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!



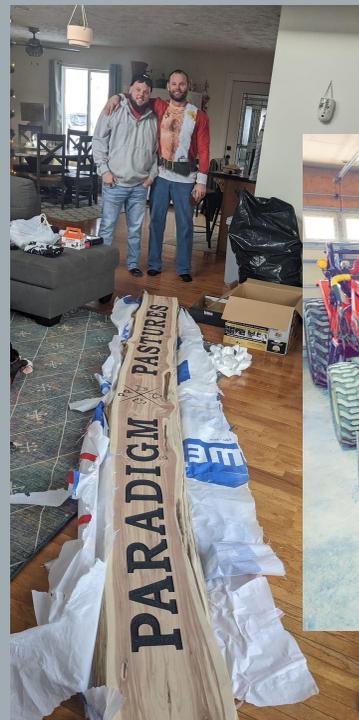
WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON:

It's been far too long since we sent out our last newsletter! The winter is a time for us to catch up on some of the things that have fallen to the side during chicken season, and this winter was no different (though it was colder). We got a new batch of laying hens that we have been raising in the brooder all winter. We add 20 layers to the flock each year and process the oldest 20 birds since they only have about 2-3 years of prolific laying. We got the batch in December, so they should be laying around mid-April. For now, though, our big girls are laying well and we are getting around a dozen or more per day. That is a huge improvement from when they were in their moult and we were averaging 3-4 eggs per day! Speaking of improvements, the fence-line work is still going on. We've already started clearing again this season, and we have had to burn a couple of times this winter because our burn pile was full. Progress is slow with the intermittent bouts of snow and freezing rain, but we will be back out each time it dries up and the ground is hard enough to take the equipment out to clear. In addition to getting the land ready for this season, we have put our first batch of chicks on order. We are anticipating getting them in early April, so we should be back to processing late May or early June. We are hoping to post the dates of our processing soon, but we are limited to the availability. We are blessed to have a local provider for the chicks (shoutout to Duncan Poultry) that uses a wonderful hatchery and has always been able to meet our orders. In addition to getting the pastures ready for this season, equipment repairs have begun. The vehicles are getting pulled into the garage for their annual maintenance, chicken tractor repairs are being made, and the grow lights are up for spring plantings. We've already started the first seeds, and seeing the green sprouts come up has us really looking forward to the first shoots of green in the pastures and watching happy chickens scratch scratch around in them. As always, we invite our friends and family to come visit us here on the farm. Depending on when you come, you might be able to see our new sign. Shoutout to Andrew Carritt & Blecha's Custom Signs for the gorgeous cedar work of art that will soon grace our entry drive. We can't wait for everyone to be able to see it. Thank you for the support...we love to share this life with you all!

what's the Buzz?



THE GIRLS HAVE ALREADY BEEN OUT A FEW TIMES TO DO THEIR CLEANSING FLIGHTS, SO WE KNOW THE HIVES MADE IT THROUGH THE WINTER! DID YOU KNOW THAT BEES WILL NOT RELIEVE THEMSELVES WITHIN THE HIVE IF THEY CAN HELP IT? UNLESS THEY ARE SICK, THEY WILL HOLD IT UNTIL THE WEATHER IS ABOVE 50 DEGREES SO THEY CAN TAKE A SHORT FLIGHT OUTSIDE THE HIVE TO RELIEVE THEMSELVES. THESE ARE CALLED CLEANSING FLIGHTS. THE QUEEN IS THE EXCEPTION, BUT THE OTHER BEES CLEAN UP AFTER HER.



SHIRT ORDER:

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN WHEN WE RESTOCK OUR SHIRT & SWEATSHIRT INVENTORY. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR SIZE AVAILABLE, GET AN ORDER IN FOR WHATEVER STYLE YOU WANT ON OUR SITE:

[OUR SHOP](#)

New Service Announcement!

We have received a number of inquiries from people wanting to purchase fully mature laying hens. Because of the interest, we decided to add this to our offerings. If you are interested in harvesting your own eggs without taking the risks associated with raising baby chicks, check out our page at the link below:

[LAYING HENS](#)