## 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 looks like the weather wasn't done with the Midwest! We've had several more windstorms, a handful of significant thunderstorms, and the flood waters from the Missouri River finally receded. Now that the weather has settled for a little bit, we've been busy getting everything ready to get the shop built. This past weekend we had a big group of friends and family come out to help us get started with it. The wind was calm, the sky was a bit overcast, and the temperature was in the low 80's, so we couldn't have wished for better weather. There was a bit of a slow start as we were getting the hang of erecting the first couple of sections, but we eventually got a system going and got 6 sections up the first day. We worked everyone into the dirt, but most of them still came back for a second day! We got another 9 sections up the second day, so we finished 15 out of 40 sections of the Quonset hut the first weekend. It was amazing to see everyone there to help us and get to introduce them to each other. One more weekend, and we should have a new shop/barn up and ready for the end-caps! Of course, we can't sit still for long, so we will have to go right back to the waterlines and fence work as soon as that is done. We still have to get the pastures ready for goats, and next thing you know it will be time to process turkeys. We currently have the last batch of meat birds that we just put out on pasture, and the turkey poults are in the brooder. We will be processing the last batch of chickens at the end of Sept, and the turkeys will be ready to head to pasture around that time. We have the chickens already sold, but we just put the turkeys on the website. We are doing 45 this year, and we sold out in September last year so make sure you go on the website to reserve yours soon if you want to be guaranteed you get a turkey for Thanksgiving. We will be processing the Saturday before Thanksgiving (23 Nov), and they will be ready for pickup on Sunday (24 Nov). We will begin sending out messages to those people that pre-order turkeys in Oct to make sure you know what to expect and to ensure you have all the details. As always, we appreciate you so much, and we hope to see you soon!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



The hives are absolutely thriving! The girls have been bearding lately because of the heat and humidity, but they're also loving the late season blooms that finally came once the rain and wind died down a little bit. I'm going to check them this week, but they will likely be ready to harvest soon. More than likely, I will pull the supers off over Labor Day weekend. Keep your eyes on the website for honey after the holiday!







## We have eggs!

Our layers have been hard at work, and they will continue throughout the year. Each year we get an influx of orders in spring looking for eggs, because many people don't realize that our layers have a safe environment to continue laying through the winter. Production slows a bit during the cold months, but we will still have eggs if you need them!

## THANKSGIVING WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

Pre-order your Thanksgiving turkeys today! We also have eggs in stock, and we just put in an order for shirts & hoodies. Be sure to order yours now: