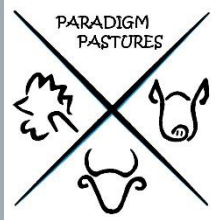


# CHICKEN TENDER TIMES

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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:

Wow...are we already halfway through the summer?! It feels like we were just shoveling snow a few days ago, but sure enough the end of summer is on the horizon. We did get a visit from our son for his birthday and Father's Day, so we got to get the whole family out and enjoy quality time together. It was awesome to put some of the projects on hold for a bit and get in some extra laughs and new memories. Speaking of projects, the concrete for the shop is down, and we are just waiting for it to be cut to the final dimensions before we start building sections. If you aren't aware, the shop we are putting up is a Quonset hut. This will be built in sections and assembled several at a time. We are hoping to get a group of friends and family together in the next month or so to power through the assembly process. Once that's done, we will be finishing the water lines and fence for the anticipated arrival of goats. There's also a plan to build a new, larger chicken tractor that will allow for greater air flow. We have lost a couple of birds this summer to excessive heat, so we are looking for a way to ensure better air flow and possibly integrating a fan for the days when the heat & humidity get too high. We also lost a couple of birds to the high winds when one of our tractors was blown across the pasture during 100mph+ gusts. Thank goodness our little peeps were small, because that probably saved them from being wrapped up in the structure when it took flight. Unfortunately, we did lose a couple, and the tractor was completely destroyed. Each incident is an opportunity to improve our process, so we are using this as a chance to improve their structures. The second batch has been processed, and that batch sold out as well. Batch 3 will be here soon, and nearly half of them are already pre-sold. We are currently planning on only one more batch this year as well as turkeys for Thanksgiving. We've taken on a smaller number of meat birds again this year to ensure we can focus on our growing list of projects. Hopefully we get a big chunk of those projects taken care of so we can go back to growing our farm. Thank you so much for being part of this exciting time...we couldn't do it without you!

## WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



Honey supers are on the hives, and the girls are powering through the heat. Between rainstorms, wind gusts, and extreme humidity, the girls have been cooling themselves off by bearding. If you've ever seen a hive with the bees hanging in clumps on the outside of the hive front, that's bearding. They do it when the inside temperature of the hive is very high. It allows only essential workers and the queen to remain inside with greater airflow to lower the ambient temperature. They're such smart little critters!



## Thank you for joining us

We had our annual Independence Day bash, and it was wonderful! We had so many friends and family come out, and the fireworks display was awesome! Thank you so much to Hugh, Fen, Tony, Andrew, and everyone that helped us wire it up, set it on fire, and make sure the pasture didn't burn in the process. We always look forward to this celebration!

## BATCH 3 COMING SOON!

Batch 3 still has a few birds available for pre-order, and we have frozen chicken available on our website. We also have eggs in stock, and we will be putting in an order for shirts & hoodies soon. Be sure to order yours now:

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