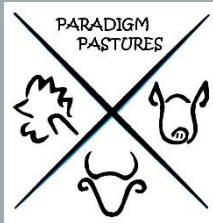


CHICKEN TENDER TIMES

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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!



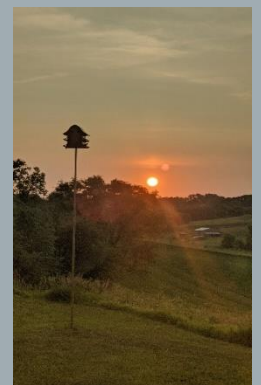
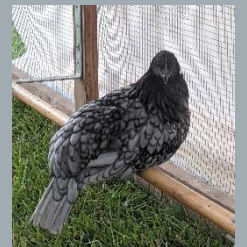
What's been going on:

I know there's a joke along the lines of you can experience all 4 seasons in the Midwest...usually on the same day. We have alternated between derecho-style winds to face-melting heat to torrential rains. This has made living on a farm a lot of fun...and somewhat challenging. The pastures are bright green with growth, but we have had to delay some of the fencework due to the heavy rains. It is terrible on the pasture to drive a tractor through muddy earth, so we have been focusing on other things right now (since there's never a shortage of projects). We have done some work on the acreage around the house as well as doing maintenance on the tractors and equipment. If we can't drive them across the pasture right now, we can make sure that they are in tip-top condition in the meantime. We also got the ole hillbilly hot tub set up for those days that get into the upper 90's. If you haven't seen our horse tank pool set-up, it may be for the best...we don't like to make people jealous 😊 The rain that we've had, though, has had a huge impact on our garden. There are zucchinis and onions coming out of our ears. We'll get those canned, dehydrated, and frozen just in time for the incoming crop of potatoes, onions, and cucumbers. We are still making great headway in our war against weeds, and we are well on our way to a no-dig garden. However, we've encountered another nemesis that comes with having healthy land...RABBITS! The bunny population around here has grown exponentially in the last couple of years. They have eaten down every crop of kale, brussel sprouts, peas, and cauliflower we put out this year. I'm sure they are ecstatic with the unending buffet, but they are really cutting into our winter veggie stash. We will continue to battle for our greens, but I suppose we have to thank our lucky stars that the land we are healing is healthy enough to have so much diversity. It's a small sacrifice to have to replant peas and beans if it means we have begun to rejuvenate our little plot of paradise. Thank you for being part of our journey...we appreciate you!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



The ladies of the apiary are absolutely crushing it this year! Beeyonce, Beezus, Bhad Babe, Beatrix, and Baked Been are actively laying and one hive has filled up enough frames to justify making an early small honey harvest. I invited over a friend that I'm helping to mentor in her beekeeping, and we successfully harvested about 2 pounds of honey from 4 frames already. It is crystal clear and gloriously sweet with a slight citrusy edge to it. Thank you to all the dandelions that contributed to this bounty. More to come soon!



America Bash

We had the most amazing time this year at our annual America Bash for 4th of July. We had around 50 people make their way out here for a great day of food and laughter that ended in an hour long fireworks show. The crew that brings out, sets-up, and puts on the show are some of our oldest and dearest friends, and it was so awesome to have so many friends, family, and neighbors come over to celebrate it with all of us. Thank you all for being part of these memories. We can't wait for next year!!

CHICKENS ARE RESTOCKED!

We processed batch #2 of the meat birds which means our freezers are restocked! Make sure you go on the site and get some eggs, honey, and chicken before they sell out:

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