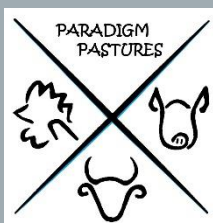


# CHICKEN TENDER TIMES

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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:

The new bird season has officially begun...we have broilers on deck! We picked up 75 of the little peeps, and they are already growing like weeds. Speaking of weeds, the layer hens are getting prepared to head out on pasture. This is always a joyful time for us, because we know they would much rather be out eating bugs and grass rather than in the winter coop. The cold weather and wind have delayed us a little this year, so we've taken this extra time to complete a project that has been right at the top of our list. With some good luck and keen eyes, Quentin spotted a covered trailer in the neighborhood that would make the perfect mobile egg-layer house. This will not only allow us to house all the layers together in one trailer, but it will free up the chicken tractors so we can raise more meat birds per batch. We are in the process of recovering the ends, sealing everything, and installing roosts & nest boxes before we set the SS Egg-Mobile out on the west pasture. Then, of course, we will turn our sights back to the ever-looming task of fixing the fence. The fence line is still our top priority because it is the only thing in the way of us getting larger livestock. Cows, goats, and pigs are in the pipeline, but we have to ensure we have a secure perimeter before we can make that happen. Despite the continuing wind and sporadic rain/snow flusters, we've managed to start the garden. The onions, garlic, carrots, potatoes, and rhubarb are all in the ground. The blueberries and raspberries are also in the ground and showing new-growth, and we are holding our breath and praying for the blackberries. We also managed to find the one day that was calm and warm enough to till the ground for the tomato & corn patches and get the solarization coverings in place before they were again covered with hail and threatened by a tornado warning...oh that crazy Midwest weather! In the meantime, we spent a much-needed Easter with family and watched some of the cutest grown babies hide eggs for the cutest little babies. We hope you were able to find the same joy. Much love to you all!

## WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



The days are getting longer, so the nectar flow should be here soon. That will depend on the rains, the temperatures, and this darn wind, but I'm trying to get everything ready for the ladies for when the nice weather get here. One of the things that's been on my "TO DO" list since the beginning is a proper hive stand. I'm working on something that will keep the hives level, get them off the ground, and give me enough room to make splits and harvest honey all in one spot. I'll let you know how it turns out soon!



## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE?!

We are hoping to increase the offerings in our farm store. We have had some people inquire about items, and that's when we started offering pieced-out chickens and feet. We are trying to put together a list of what else you would like to see. Any suggestions on merch? Color options? Stickers? If you have suggestions, please let us know by sending them to:

[paradigmpastures@gmail.com](mailto:paradigmpastures@gmail.com)

## PRE-ORDERS CAN NOW BE PLACED!

We have updated the farm store to show the new pickup dates for this season. If you want to ensure we have a bird for you, be sure to place your pre-orders now since our orders are first come – first served. As always, we have plenty of eggs on hand, and shirts and sweatshirts are available. Place your orders on our farm store:

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