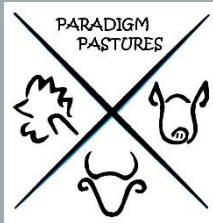


CHICKEN TENDER TIMES

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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:

Spring has sprung! We went from frozen mornings to green pastures in what feels like overnight. We are still having some pretty chilly evenings, but the days are mostly beautiful and perfect for starting projects. The garden is already prepped for planting, and potatoes, rhubarb, onions, garlic, and asparagus are growing steadily. We are also refinishing the chicken tractors, because they are starting to get a little weathered. We are also currently rebuilding the front porch when it's not raining on us. We will be working our way all the way around the house and rebuilding the entire deck over the course of the summer. Likewise, we will be working around the entire property to get the electric fence and watering system put up for goats and hogs. We don't have an exact timeline on when they will be on property, but we hope to have livestock on pasture by fall of this year. Speaking of livestock, we officially have broilers on deck! We've got the first batch of 50 meatbirds in the brooder keeping warm and getting all feathered out in preparation for their move onto pasture. The little hens have been introduced to the rest of the laying flock and are currently out on pasture in the Egg-mobile. It feels like we just got them yesterday, but they are already laying little eggs and learning how to use the nestboxes. At the end of this season, we will cull the oldest birds as they will be over 3-1/2 years old at that point. It looks like we will be doing our first processing the first week of June, so keep an eye out on our website for pre-orders. We should have those up by the end of the month. We also got several inquiries and a couple of orders for laying hens. We will be raising them until they are just about laying age, then they can be picked up and settled into their new coop right about the time they begin laying. If you're interested, we have a few still available, so check on the website. There's lots going on, but we always have time for a driveway drink or a drive around the property, so let us know if you feel like swinging by. Thank you for your support, and we appreciate you all!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



The hive wraps have been removed, and the girls are enjoying the dandelions, clover, and early blooming trees. I've started to supplement them with leftover honey from last year, but I haven't opened up the hives yet. The weather has either been nice but windy or still but cold. I don't want to take a chance on them getting either too cold or blown away, so I'll be patient and wait until the weather is a little calmer. They will continue to stock up on the early pollen and clean out the hives while the queens begin to lay eggs.



We still have honey

Did you know that honey has been discovered in an Egyptian Pharaoh's tomb that was still edible? Pure honey won't go bad on your shelf before you get a chance to eat it...even if you eat it slow. If honey begins to crystalize and thicken, you just need to put it in a bowl of hot water to re-liquify it or you can spread it on your toast crystalized. Whatever you do, though, don't heat it up in the microwave or over direct heat. That will break down the sugars. If you're missing out on local honey, we will have some 5oz jars available on our farm store!

WE HAVE EGGS!

Our egg-layers are out of their molt and back in action! If you need eggs, we have them. Just head to our farm store and let us know when you want to stop by and pick them up:

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