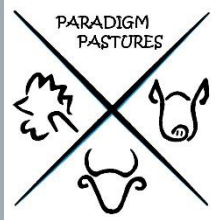


CHICKEN TENDER TIMES

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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:

This summer has already been a whirlwind! We have several projects going on including building the new shop, rebuilding the deck, preparing for Independence Day, and fighting the weather! The Midwest has decided to test our infrastructure, and that has included tornado warnings, hail, wind gusts, and ongoing rain. The plumbing and electrical is finally done for the new shop, but the constant rain and hail has put a pause on the progress several times. We are anticipating having it done by our Independence Day blow-out, but mother nature may change her mind. In the meantime, we managed to get batch 1 of the meat birds processed. Those sold out fairly quickly this year, and batch 2 is selling quickly as well. The little ones are going to be moved out on pasture soon, and they are doing really well. We have to find a break in the rain to get them outside, as we don't want to put them out in the tall grass with downpours around them. The little birds try to get out of the wet grass, and that causes them to pile up on top of each other if the grass is too tall. Unfortunately, they can cause fatal injuries to the birds on the bottom of the heap if too many of them pile on. We will be getting the hay cut when it is dry enough, and then we'll have to make sure we have at least a day or two of dry days. The garden has also been taking a beating with the rain. While the water has been good for the plants, the levels are getting close to washing away some of the smaller sprouts. We have to get out each day and make sure that potatoes are recovered, sprouts are free of debris, and the ruts from the runoff are filled in. Some years we are begging for more rain, and this year we are receiving more than our fair share. I'm sure it balances out in the long run, so we will just keep our eyes on the sky and be ready to help out any of our neighbors if they need it. Be sure to take care of your neighbors and be sure to take care of yourselves. We hope to see you soon!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



The second deep brood box is on all of the hives, and mite treatments have begun. We treat the hives for varroa mites in the spring and fall after the queen has stopped laying. This treatment will be done at the beginning of July, and then it will be time to put the honey supers on. The bees have been all over the pasture collecting honey, and they are enjoying the warm days. The thunder and rain have prevented me from opening the boxes much, but they are out whenever it is nice enough. Honey should be sweet this year with all the wildflowers about!



Independence Day

We are getting ready for our annual Independence Day blowout! Each year a bunch of the Papillion-LaVista friends come over and we set up an obscene amount of fireworks in the pasture. The food, fireworks, and laughs that come out of this celebration are some of the best of the year, and we want our friends, family, and neighbors to join us for the celebration. It will be July 4th at 5pm with the fireworks display to begin at sunset (around 9pm)

WE STILL HAVE CHICKENS FOR JULY!

Batch 2 is nearly sold out, but we still have a few birds left. We also have some available for batch 3 as well as plenty of eggs. Be sure to order yours now:

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