

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 meat-bird season is officially over. We processed the turkeys the week before Thanksgiving, and all of our customers came on-time and with wide grins to pick up their birds the next day. We thank you so much for being in such good spirits and so prompt in picking them up! Nancy was there to help our daughter hand them out, and she was so happily surprised by the positive reactions and excitement of our customers. You all really are wonderful 🍌 We never underestimate the importance of you allowing us to be part of one of the most memorable days of the year, and we hope our turkeys played at least a small part in creating wonderful memories with those you care about. Speaking of creating wonderful memories, we had a great time at the Marine Corps Birthday celebration. We had some last-minute cancellations, but we also had a few unexpected visitors. Overall, we made some new friends, celebrated our Marine Corps, and look forward to hosting another celebration next year. Preparations for winter are in full swing. Quentin participated in a 1000-acre controlled burn at Hitchcock Nature Center in anticipation of doing our own controlled burns here on the farm. The processing trailer has been scrubbed top to bottom and packed up for the off-season with repairs and storage of equipment taking place in conjunction. We've also moved all the birds and nest-boxes to the winter coop in anticipation of upcoming cooler weather. We definitely don't mind the (so far) mild winter, but we don't want to get caught off guard! We decided to keep one turkey hen to see if she will lay. If so, we may move into raising our own poults in future years. For now, we are raising Boom-boom Betty with the other birds for the winter. She's quite the card and loves sleeping outside so much that she has to be carried indoors each night! Thank you all for being part of our journey, and we look forward to planning our next year. Enjoy your holidays!



IT'S GETTING CHILLY!

We still have sweatshirts and hoodies if you need something to cuddle up in. Check out our farm store at the link below:

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WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



The beehives have all been consolidated and reduced down to a single deep each. They were in double deeps, but there wasn't quite enough honey in their reserves to warrant a second box. If you leave them too much room in the hive without the honey to fill it, they wind up trying to warm a space that is too big and not enough food to make up for the extra energy. Hive wraps go on next week. They've been enjoying the 55-65° days lately, but it's about time to go full-hibernation!



REST IN PEACE, SWEET GIRL!

We recently lost our original farm-dog, Mimi, to lymphoma. She was a great pup who spent 17 years as a constant companion to our family during all our military travels. If she could have spoken, she would have plenty of tales to tell...and probably would have done so in Japanese since she spent years there. We will miss her terribly.

