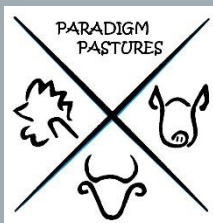


# CHICKEN TENDER TIMES

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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 chicken season is officially over. We've processed the last batch and cleaned the brooder out. We use the same building for the brooder during the chicken season and the layer coop during the winter. The turkeys are out on pasture, and they love the fresh grass. We have several people that have volunteered to come out and help with processing the turkeys the weekend before Thanksgiving. That's always a big day for us, because it is the last processing day of the year, and it lets us celebrate all the support we have received throughout the year. We also take the time to look back on the past year and acknowledge how much we've grown and changed. Speaking of change, we now have 40+ egg-layers running around the pasture. We got their legs banded and opened the door for them, and they immediately ran after grasshoppers! After much feather-fluffing and loud squawking, the older girls finally got used to sharing their grass. Those older hens have gone through their first molt, so they were looking a bit patchy there for a while. Now that they are done molting, our egg-production has picked back up, and we are finally caught up on the orders. As we head into colder weather, we have some veggies still in the garden, chicken tractors that need building, and some fence-line that still needs clearing. We are hoping to get larger livestock in the next 2 years, so we have to get our perimeter fence finished. We will also be doing some controlled burns this spring, so the firebreaks have to be cleared in preparation. We have identified a couple of areas that we will be seeding this winter with a pollinator-friendly mix to ensure there are sufficient resources on our land. We will also be hosting a celebration for the Marine Corps Birthday this year. We've invited all local Marines on active duty, retired, or formerly active duty to join us for a small pot-luck celebration on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Once a Marine, always a Marine...Semper Fidelis!



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## WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



Winterization has begun on the hives! You can tell that the nectar flow is over and we are in a dearth, because the bees are searching high and low for nectar. In-hive feeders are on, and I'm now feeding them a stronger sugar syrup that is 2:1 sugar to water. This is their source of carbs that will give them the energy necessary over the winter to regulate the temperature in the hive. They also have pollen patties on that they will use for protein during the cold weather. Next month they will get the final measures before getting closed up for the season around Thanksgiving.



## WE HAVE A NEW SHIRT

Our family has been deeply affected by cancer, and we know many friends have been as well. We've designed a shirt using our daughter's artwork to show our support for those who have been touched by cancer. If you would like to purchase one, the proceeds will go to the Cancer Research Institute. Orders can be made on our farmstore website:

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