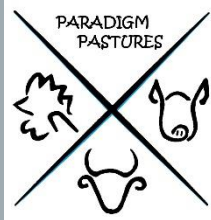


CHICKEN TENDER TIMES

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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!



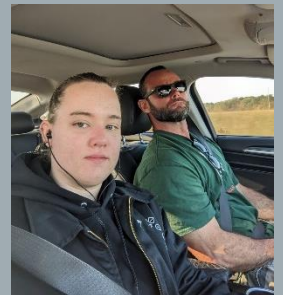
What's been going on:

Well, summer has definitely left the Midwest! The weather here has been in the 30's-60's, so fall is in full swing. This is the time we start getting things ready for winter while prepping for turkey processing. The fence is a big focus, so we are making plans to really power through the fence building as much as possible before the ground freezes. We are planning on making an almost 14 acre fence-line that will allow us to move goats, chickens, and future livestock throughout the pastures while limiting their movement on the property. This will ensure that we not only have protective measures in place for them (i.e. guardian dogs, electric fence, readily available water, mineral supplements, etc.) as well as ensuring no part of the pasture gets over-grazed or over-fertilized. This kind of control keeps the animals safe and ensures the pasture remains in the best possible condition to maintain healthy grass and soil. Speaking of soil, the garden is winding down, and a number of the crops have finished production and been pulled and composted. This is the time of year that the cold-weather crops are thriving while the cold sensitive crops have died back. We still have some pumpkin vines, kale, green beans, tomatoes, cabbage, and celery going strong, and the loofah are drying out. If you've never seen them, loofah look like very large zucchini that hang on a vine and have to dry out fully before they can be peeled, emptied of seeds, and washed before they look like the porous cylinders you've seen in the home section of the store. If you have a planter and an archway, I encourage you to plant some...we haven't bought dish scrubbers in a couple of years 😊 We haven't forgotten the things that really matter too, so we've been using this time to take road trips with the kids, visit with family, and spend some time in the cooler weather getting out for some hunting. Our kids are in their 20's and finishing up college, so we are soaking in all the moments we can with them before they move on to the next adventure in their grown-up lives. We hope you are getting some quality family time as well. Keep warm, enjoy the sweater weather, and we hope to see you soon!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



Using the bees as an example, we have created a group of ladies that are working together to make sure we have healthy hives that are ready to make it through the winter. We had some get-togethers this month to walk through the process of consolidating hive boxes and starting the feeding process in anticipation of colder weather. It's really important to make sure not to open the hives in weather that is too cold, windy, or wet. Any of those three (and definitely a combination of them) can prove catastrophic to a hive. Time to focus on winter readiness!



Turkey processing

We will be processing turkeys on Saturday, Nov 18th this year, so turkey pickup will be on Sunday, Nov 19th. We will have the table and the tubs setup in the garage (all the way at the top of the driveway) from 12:00-3:00pm. We would ask that you bring a cooler, box, or some container to take home your bird. All birds will be fresh and unfrozen, so they will be ready to go home and go straight into the brine/refrigerator. If you are not going to be able to make it on Sunday to pick up your bird, please let us know in advance. We can't wait to see you at the farm!

WE HAVE EGGS!

The ladies of the egg-mobile are still hard at work! They will continue laying all through the winter, so don't forget that we will have eggs available year-round. Place your orders on our on-line farm store at the link below:

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