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!



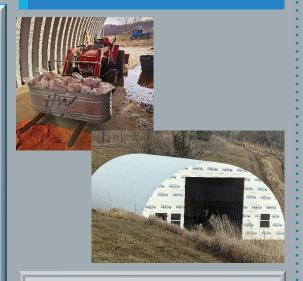
What's been going on:

Happy winter, family & friends! We are officially in our "Off Season", and we are looking forward to spending some quality time with family before prepping for next season. Turkey processing was very successful, and turkey pick-up was everything we hoped for. That time of year is very hectic and busy, but it gives us an opportunity to meet with everyone as they pick up their birds and catch up a little bit. If this was your first pickup, we would love to hear feedback on hw you think it went and if there is anything you think might make it better. Some things are beyond our control, but if we can make the process better, then we would love to hear about it. Next year, turkey pickup with happen down at the shop, so that will make it a little better and ensure we have power, internet, and a little more room to work. Speaking of the shop, the framers got the endcaps and interior wall framed and the windows put in. We will be getting the garage doors and insulation installed over the winter, and then we can get the siding done in the spring. The fence work will commence once the building is finished, so goats are still the plan in the near future. We had to get a shop first to ensure we have a safe place to put the mama goats when they are kidding or need triage. The building survey showed us that the fence line would have to move if we wanted to ensure drainage and septic for the building were effective. That means we had to put the fence on hold until the building was done, and then we could see the best way to reroute that fence line to work with the building instead of against it. As we settle down for the off-season, we've got plenty to work on. The next phase of the deck rebuild will be the handrails and frame, and that will start in early spring. The power to the building was inspected and approved, so the final connections are being finished and then the conduit inside the building can be finished. The bathroom in the building has been plumbed, so the fixtures and walls for that structure need to go up. In addition, the back half will be the barn so we will be setting that area up with space for triage and stall space as well as storage for livestock equipment. We can't wait for you all to see what we've been working on! Happy holidays, and we hope you have a great New Year!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



The hives are now fully winterized!
Before putting the hive wraps on for the season, they get treated for varroa mites by doing an oxalic acid dribble in each hive. I do this treatment for a couple of beekeepers in the area each year before winterizing because there is no brood in the boxes. The mites hid in the brood cells to fully develop, so it's a lot more effective to treat for mites when they don't have anywhere to hide. Then the entrance reducers go on and hive wraps will keep them warm throughout the winter.



Turkey picture winner:

Thank you so much to all of our turkey customers that tagged us in and sent us pictures of their Thanksgiving turkeys! It was hard to decide, but we've selected the winner of our Thanksgiving turkey picture giveaway.

Congratulations to:

AMANDA HARKER

We will be sending you Paradigm Pastures tumbler etched by Fox Co Fabrications. Honorable mention was Jeremy Rutledge. Thank you again for all the wonderful pictures!



IT'S GETTING COLD, BUT WE HAVE SOMETHING TO WARM YOU UP!

If you're looking for something cozy, check out our sweatshirts and hoodies at the farm store: