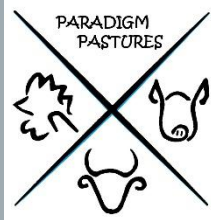


# CHICKEN TENDER TIMES

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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:

Spring is in full swing, and the farm has been moving non-stop since the weather got warmer! The meat birds are now on pasture, and they are doing great. The egg-layers have been producing wonderfully and loving the bugs and grass now that they are out on pasture. We have decided not to do a third batch of meat birds this year for several reasons. We are doing larger batches this year, and the freedom rangers that we are raising are much hardier. This means that more of the birds that we raise make it to the day of processing successfully. This also means that we are using more of the chicken tractors at a time than we use when we raise the smaller batches. The windstorms and tornadoes over the past couple of years have put a few of our tractors out of commission, and they need to be completely rebuilt. We can do this now that the shop is up, but typically we are so busy during the regular season that we have to do repairs during the winter months. We also want to make sure that the tractors are available for turkeys when they are ready to go on pasture in September. We are planning on doing more turkeys this year as we sell out early every year. There are still meat birds available for that second batch on the website if you'd like to order. The pickup for those birds will be in early September, and (while they aren't even on the farm yet) almost half of them are already pre-sold. Chicken pickup will be down at the shop, so make sure you are heading down there for pickup days. We have been working on re-rocking the driveway and access road to the shop, so it should be a much better drive to do pickup. We are also focusing on completing the other projects on the farm, so you will likely find us on a tractor, on a ladder, or at the burn pile. If you want to work up a good sweat, grab your gloves and come see us on the farm!

## THE SHOP IS OPEN!

We have chicken, eggs, and merch available for purchase:

[Paradigm Pastures](#)

## WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



The ladies are working this summer! The second brood box is on the hives, and the ladies are filling it up quickly! More than likely, I will be able to put the honey supers on in the next 2 weeks and get those started. That might make for an early harvest, but I don't like to be too optimistic, because you never know what could happen. Someone could lose a queen, or they could get hangry and decide to swarm. Fingers crossed, but so far, they look happy and healthy!



## Pew Pew with Q

Weapons training classes have been filling up each week. Each class that is completed successfully sees more inquiries and more opportunities to offer training to organizations and individuals. We couldn't be more blessed for the attention and the referrals. If you or someone you know is interested in taking marksmanship or weapons handling classes, Quentin offers the following classroom/range classes:

- ◆ Introduction to Handguns
- ◆ Iowa Concealed Carry Certification
- ◆ Tactical Shotgun course
- ◆ Introduction to Carbine Rifles
- ◆ Real Estate Agent Safety
- ◆ Church Security

He also offers some Range-only classes. Go to the link below to register on the USCCA site or to contact Quentin for scheduling. You can also contact him if you want to set up a private class that is not on the schedule:

[Field Fire](#)