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# SEASONS OF STEWARDSHIP

Cultivating a regenerative future, one step at a time.



## A SEASON OF OBSERVATION, ADJUSTMENT, AND GROWTH

THIS FALL **CARRIED BOTH CLARITY AND CHALLENGE**—AN HONEST SEASON OF WATCHING CLOSELY, LEARNING DEEPLY, AND MAKING NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS.

WE ALSO HOSTED OUR **FIRST ANNUAL FARM OPEN HOUSE**, WELCOMING 25 NEIGHBORS AND FAMILIES TO THE FARM TO HEAR MORE ABOUT WHAT WE'RE STEWARDING HERE. SHARING SPACE, STORIES, AND VISION FELT LIKE **A MEANINGFUL MARKER OF GROWTH AND COMMUNITY**.

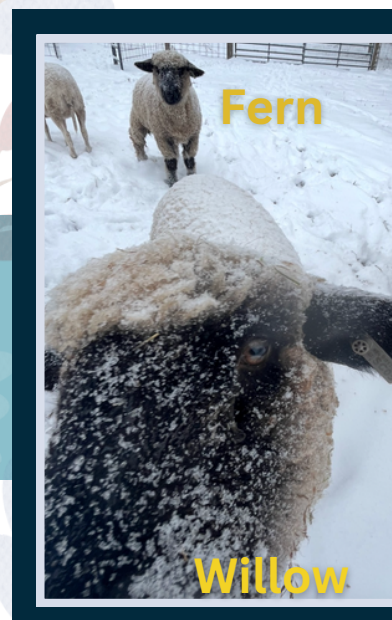
## THIS **PAST** COUPLE OF MONTHS

### October: Watching, Learning, and Expanding Our Reach

>>> After spending intentional time observing our sheep, we've discerned that **Willow and Fern** will make excellent future mothers, while River and Pebble are better suited for other roles. We plan to begin breeding in **October 2026** and are prayerfully searching for the right Suffolk ram to pair with Willow and Fern.

>>> October also brought an important realization: **over 60% of our existing customer base has shifted toward growing more of their own food—a good and hopeful thing. It also signaled that our farm's growth plan** must continue expanding **to reach new people**. Good goals simply mean new relationships to build.

>>> So off to market Jess went—**Madeira and Maineville markets**—to share the story of the farm, meet new faces, and invite others into what we're growing here. It was a full and stretching season, but **one rich with new friendships and connections we're deeply grateful for**.





NOVEMBER BROUGHT ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING LEARNING CURVES WE'VE FACED YET—WHAT WE NOW LOVINGLY REFER TO AS “**THE GREAT TURKEY DEBACLE SEASON OF 2025.**” WHILE WE WERE ABLE TO SELL ALL OF OUR BIRDS, WE DID NOT MEET OUR MARGINS THIS YEAR DUE TO SEVERAL UNFORESEEN CHALLENGES. **EVERY FARM EXPERIENCES A DIFFICULT YEAR, AND THIS ONE WAS OURS—RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF TRANSITION AND GROWTH.**

## >>> AS A RESULT, WE ARE NOW:

- EXPLORING EXPANDED CONSERVANCY BREED OPTIONS TO BETTER ACCOMMODATE LARGER FLOCK WEIGHT AND QUANTITY NEEDS
- RESEARCHING NEW PROCESSING PARTNERS TO ENSURE THE QUALITY AND CARE WE PROMISE FROM PASTURE TO TABLE

♥♥♥ WE ARE DEEPLY THANKFUL TO EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED TURKEYS FROM US AND SHOWED FLEXIBILITY, PATIENCE, AND GRACE AS WE NAVIGATED THIS LEARNING SEASON.

## ON A BRIGHTER NOTE- OUR FIRST GO ROUND:

- WE SOLD HERITAGE TURKEYS FOR BREEDING
- WE SOLD TWO PEACOCK OFFSPRING, OUR FIRST PEACOCK BREEDING.

**WE WELCOMED THE HEIDT CENTER** TO THE FARM AND ARE BEGINNING TO ESTABLISH A MONTHLY RHYTHM OF VISITS FOR THIS SPECIAL GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS

WE ARE APPLYING FOR GRANTS IN JANUARY TO HELP OFFSET COSTS AND SUPPORT THIS GROWING PARTNERSHIP



ALL OF THIS REMINDED US OF A FAMILIAR TRUTH:  
WHEN ONE PASTURE CLOSSES, ANOTHER OPENS. MORE TO COME.

# PRESENT



## December: Preparing for What's Next

December brought quieter, hopeful movement beneath the surface:

- An **orchardist visited the farm** to learn more about our native-style orchard plans
- **Petunia was bred**, and we'll find out on **January 4th** if she's pregnant
- We sold an older chicken flock and introduced our own new **birds**, now rotating in the mobile coop and learning the rhythms of pasture life
- We pulled the flock off an older pasture to allow for **reseeding and recovery**. While we were late with fall seeding of our pollinator and nitrogen mix, we're planning ahead for early spring planting.
- We're mapping out **future pasture layouts** and a new chicken flock area
- Continued **removal of invasive honeysuckle**

Beginning **phase two of permanent fencing** on the farm

FALL PREPARATIONS WERE MADE POSSIBLE **BY COMMUNITY.**



# FUTURE Winter Planning

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Winter on the farm is not downtime—it is intentional reflection and preparation.  
This season is for:

Planning and grant writing

Reviewing what worked and what didn't

Fixing what broke and mending what needs care

Starting in January~ Bee School so we can start beekeeping on the farm.



Prayerfully, January will mark the official launch of our nonprofit:

## Deep Roots Stewardship & Learning Center.

Our farm was founded on the belief that **faith, land stewardship, and hands-on learning are deeply connected**. Our vision is to create space where individuals—especially youth and young adults—can grow in **character, skills, and purpose** through regenerative agriculture and creation care.

The beds are resting.

The soil and roots are resting.

Living things are hibernating.

Everything is where it's supposed to be.

And we trust that in this quiet season,

**God is still doing deep work beneath the surface.**

## Farm Happenings Ahead

### Coming This Spring:



Rent-a-Chick &

Rent-an-Incubator Programs



Volunteering on the Farm



Goat Milk Herd Share



Continued soap making.

## Faith & Reflection

At the end of each year, we invite you to step into reflection with us.

[A BINGO Card Reflection Template](#)

Ask yourself: What is it you want me to do for you, Lord?

Spend time reflecting in scripture and quiet.

Write down what you hear and your goals

—and share them if you feel led.

Thank you for walking this season with us. We're grateful to steward this land, this work, and this community together.

**ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES WITH US ONCE A MONTH! [SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE.](#)**



## WANT TO HELP SUPPORT US?

As we move toward nonprofit status, we're exploring partnerships with like-minded folks — including local breweries — to deepen our impact.

**Know someone who'd connect well with our mission?** We believe in linking arms for greater good and would love introductions to future collaborators, supporters, or fellow dreamers.

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