

May has flung us full tilt into the farming season!

We're busy in the greenhouse, busy in the fields and busy with farm animals. Our baby chicks are a week old and already have grown out of the wading pool we start them out in. Our hens are laying eggs faster than ever. They're also enjoying the brand new nesting boxes Mike and my dad built. They're still free ranging, but soon, we'll need to corral them into their spacious penned in area. We don't want them eating our plants! We're also working at acquiring 2 female pygmy goats. They need a home and we need goats. They'll be residing in the wooded area of our property. We have lots of weeds, brush, etc. that they will enjoy cleaning out for us. Plus- they're just lots of fun to have around! Claudia's already named them Cheyenne and Tina.

The greenhouse and cold frame continue to be filled to capacity. We've started planting cold hardy crops such as broccoli, cauliflower, kale and Brussels sprouts in the field. We've also gotten the onions and potatoes planted. Those are always huge jobs, and we don't really feel like we've gotten going until those things are in. We're still planting seeds in the greenhouse and will continue to do so for quite a few more weeks.

Information about purchasing strawberries is still coming- I promise! Our farm friend Jen is sending it to me soon. She will not have asparagus available this year as we had hoped earlier. Hopefully next year!

Please remember to send in those second payments by June 1st. Thanks to those of you whom already have. We do have shares available- we'd appreciate it if you'd spread the word about us. Thanks!

The farm is a lot of fun to see this time of year, let us know if you'd like to stop by and see how things are going. Several of you have expressed interest in volunteering this summer. From here on out, we have volunteer opportunities available, let us know if you'd like to help.

Something else to think about this summer:

Bean Day!

If you'd like to come out to the farm on Wednesday morning, around 10:00 and pick beans for an hour or so, we'll have a group of us joining together in the spirit of the threshing crews of past. (Hence the name- Threshing Table Farm.) These beans will be used in the CSA boxes. We'll finish with a potluck lunch (Because no respectful threshing crew would go home hungry) and as a thank you, we will plant an extra row of beans so that anyone who picks for the CSA boxes can pick additional beans for their own personal use. Perfect for anyone wanting to freeze or can some for winter, or share with the food pantry, etc. Children are VERY welcome, and we'll have a teenager on hand to keep an eye on them if they decide that they get tired of the garden. If this is something you want to be a part of, let me know. I'll keep you posted as to which Wednesdays are bean picking days. You can come once, twice or every time- you choose.

We are on target to have our first boxes ready June 23rd. Those of you getting 1/2 shares, we'll let you know in early June which weeks you will get your boxes. Some of you will start June 23rd and some of you will start June 30th.

If you need eggs- we're your farmers! We have eggs available just about every day.

Give us a call!

Enjoy the May flowers-

Jody, Mike, Claudia, Malcolm and Jonas Lenz