

# The Bowers Farm Blurb

## *'nourishing our neighbors'*

May 2016

## Hello, Folks!

### Farm Updates

May flowers, we love them. Especially in the garden! Looks like our first vegetable to bloom will be snow peas.

We haven't had any cows calving yet, but by the looks of them, they should start any week.

So the other night Jim looked out the window to see if the chickens were in the egg-mobile to close them up and saw about 20 cows coming down the drive from the north pasture! Holy Cow! Our cows are in another pasture, so we knew they weren't ours. So we walk out there and they all go right back through the gate, except for a few calves who couldn't figure it out and jumped through the fence. Whew! Evidently they broke through the barbed wire fence dividing ours and our Amish neighbors' properties; they knew how to get back to their own pasture. Easiest 'rogue' cow capture, yet! The Amish repaired the fence the next day. We understand about animals getting loose; it's happened to us before with hogs, specifically the 'Outlaws'.

Good news! We are taking a steer for processing on June 1st. Which means we will have beef the third week in June. And we're scheduled for another in August. Red Devon Beef will be back! We should be in full stock of pork next week.

Come see us at The Farm's Market Day in Summertown on May 21st! There will be an eclectic blend of vendors to check out. It will be held at The Farm Store, under the 'dome'. We'll have lots of pork, eggs and chemical free veggies. The Market begins at 9:00am and will run until 2 pm.

The Florence Farmers Market will officially start on May 7th. Hope to see you there! Due to our obligations to this Market, we will not be scheduling a Spring Hill drop off for May. The Spring Hill Market starts Thursday, June 2nd, at Harvey Park on Miles Johnson Pkwy. If you would like to order, we can make arrangements to meet you.

We have been informed that our USDA processor will no longer take any hogs over 500 lbs. We have a 550 lb hog that we are offering for a whole or half scenario. Processing will be at Shaffer's Custom Meats in Summertown, TN. We'll need two parties to split the hog; if you are interested, please contact us for more info.

### Pictures

In the last issue of The Blurb, we showed the smallest egg we ever received from our hens.

On the left is the largest at 4 oz, layed last week. To the right is a large egg, at 2.2 oz.

A Farm record!



Aww, Mr. Bull is feeling the love from '186'



Can you feel the brotherly love?



"Can you hurry? I gotta GO!"



**Fun Chicken Fact:** Chickens signal when they are ready to lay. Before a hen begins to lay, her comb will get larger and redder, and she may begin to squat submissively when you reach down to pet her. <http://www.rodalorganiclife.com/wellbeing/10-fun-facts-about-chickens>



Wide loads, coming through!



And last but not least, May 4th is 'International Respect For Chickens Day'

### **FARMERS MARKETS**

Bowers Farm will attend the following Markets:

Spring Hill, TN: Now located at Harvey Park, 4001 Miles Johnson Pkwy. The Market will start June 2nd.  
**Please note the new location.**

Lawrenceburg, TN: Please contact us for orders. We can deliver in Lawrenceburg every Tuesday.

Florence, AL: The Market will be officially open Saturday May 7th.

If you would like to pre-order (recommended for larger orders and/or specific cuts of meat/bones/organs/fat for rendering) for pick up at the Farmer's Market, e-mail us at [bowersfarm09@hotmail.com](mailto:bowersfarm09@hotmail.com)

***Thank you for supporting the Farm!***

### **OUR PRODUCTS**

Grass-fed/finished Red Devon and Jersey mix Beef

Non-GMO/Soy Free Farm fresh free range eggs

Non-GMO/Soy Free Pastured Large Black Hog Pork

*Sales of whole or half cows are currently unavailable. Please check our website for the retail cuts which are in stock now. Contact us for the sale of whole or half hogs.*

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