

The Bowers Farm Blurb

'nourishing our neighbors'

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Hello, Folks!

Farm Updates

Well, we had some sadness on the Farm this past week. One of our cows, #6, calved a stillborn last Thursday morning. Jim noticed it on the morning hog run. So after he came back we went to check out the situation. The sight was amazing. ALL of the other cows/bulls were laying nearby in support. #6 was by her calf, mooing and licking it, but it was clear that it was dead. We felt horrible, to say the least. I think she knew it was dead. She let us take it for disposal. We did hear some moos afterwards, but all in all she seems to be doing fine, now.

It's so easy for a calf to get spooked. Tuesday we were moving cows across the road and one of our dogs, Babe, happened to be in the road. Well, one look at the dog and the calf turned around and took off. Momma was already across the road! What to do? We eventually found him and brought him back to the gate area at the road. He was so scared that he bolted through a barbed wire fence back up into the pasture area, which has really tall grass right now. When the cows are hungry for new grass, it's nearly impossible to get them to go back to an area they just came from, which is what we wanted to do to get the calf back across. Patience. So, we went to grab some breakfast and then went back to the scene. We were able to get two cows to go back across the street, but not the Momma! She hadn't realized her calf was missing, yet. While the two cows were there, we had to look for the calf. Could not find that boy! He must've had a really good hiding place. So, we alerted our Amish neighbors about a rogue calf and got errands done. After a few hours the calf managed to find the two cows. And Momma was across the road, underneath the willow tree mooing for her calf. Feeding time! So, we were able to get everyone where they needed to be in a matter of minutes. Patience! By the time we were cruising up the driveway, the calf was nursing. Farm life, gotta love it!

Our pullets are starting to lay eggs!! It won't be too much longer, with the cooler weather coming next week, before they are all laying.

We have beef! Please check our product page on our website, bowersfarmtn.com, for product availability.

It's Chicken time, again! Our chemical free Amish neighbor, Henry Yoder, has ordered broilers. They should be ready for processing in October. If you would like to order any of these excellent pastured, non-GMO chickens, please contact us.

Check out our Farmers Market schedule on the last page of The Blurb.

We have American Guinea Hog/Large Black Hog cross piglets for sale. It's the perfect hog for those who want excellent fat for rendering and absolutely delicious meat. Please contact us for details.

Pictures

Three would be a crowd, here!!



Some of our pullets on the first day of free ranging! They have now expanded to the front yard and are laying at least 4 (small) eggs a day!



Feeling the Love - our cows.



Daphne's piglets are clowning around.



Fun Chicken Fact: Mother hens can show their babies what is good to eat and what is not. In tests, hens have taught their babies to stay away from color-coded grains that are bad for them. <http://www.rodalorganiclife.com/wellbeing/10-fun-facts-about-chickens>

Not really Farm related, but this family of turkeys was really cool.



FARMERS MARKETS

Bowers Farm will attend the following Markets:

Spring Hill, TN: Thursdays from 3:30-7pm at Harvey Park, 4001 Miles Johnson Pkwy.

Lawrenceburg, TN: Please contact us.

Florence, AL: Stay tuned for the next pre-order drop off! If you would like to order, please contact us. Our Products are available at The Court Street Market. If you don't see what you want, just let us know and we'll supply it!

The Farm in Summertown: September 17th from 9am-2pm under the dome at the Farm Store

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

Thank you for supporting the Farm!

OUR PRODUCTS

Grass-fed/finished Red Devon 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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