

Stonefield Farms – 2010 update

Things are up and running at the farm. We just sent the first of the chickens off to the butcher last week and we will be having other meats approaching completion in the future.

Highlights of what is happening at the farm are below. Please help us plan by sending us a return email telling us how we can provide for your products needs. There is a "form" at the bottom of this email. Volume and approx. when you would like it will be helpful. So far, all prices will be the same as last year. (Let's hope that the processors don't change any of their plans!) If you have questions, feel free to include them on the return email or call. Thanks!

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MEAT PRICES

CHICKENS: There are two batches of chickens in progress. We'll have continuous batches through to mid-November. Price is \$3.75/#, \$3.50/# for 10 or more. As before, we can cut them in half (\$1.00/bird) or pieces (\$2.50/bird).

EGGS: New pullets arrive at the end of the month to give the old girls a hand at egg production. We can bring eggs with your other orders if you let us know in advance.

TURKEYS: We will not have a summer batch of turkeys this year. We will do the traditional Thanksgiving and Christmas birds. At this time, we are planning to have the Christmas birds ready in late November as we are again planning to get out of town for the holidays. That means that the birds will have to be frozen. (We know that will not affect their great taste.) Price will be \$4.00/#

BEEF: Feeders are ready to go on pasture. We will have some beef ready to go to the butcher in May or June. Most of the animals will be ready this fall (Sept or Oct). Price is \$3.50/# CWF (including Cut, Wrap and Freeze) for sides and split sides. If you want a hindquarter only, they are \$4.25/#.

PORK: Will be available in the spring (April-June) only. We have been having a difficult time finding good weaners at the right time for the fall, so we are converting all the production of pigs to the spring. (It's also easier to get them loaded when it is dry instead of the rains coming two days before they are scheduled to leave in the fall :-).) Price is \$3.75/#, inclusive of everything.

LAMB: We have a lamb or two still available this spring (they were born late last year). They will go to butcher in April. This year's crop will be ready between Sept and Nov. Price is \$6.25/# CWF

FARMERS' MARKETS:

This year we will only be doing the Nanaimo Downtown Farmers' Market on Fridays, 10-2, from May 7 through the Friday before Thanksgiving (early Oct). Stop by and take home some goodies (meats, eggs, produce, etc.) for the week. You can also order in advance for the next week and we will have your order ready when you arrive.

KERRY PARK FARM STAND:

We will not open the stand this year, unless we are able to find someone to man it for us. You can come directly to the farm. Best days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, 10-4. Please call first to make sure we're not out delivering product or working on another project (which often happens on the other days!)

We're also wanting to free up time to work on some projects, like finishing the house and building an addition to the barn!!! We're finding that we can't do everything!!!

We can still order in cheese (Natural Pastures), honey and the wonderful pies for those that want them.

SAANICH FAIR:

At this point we are planning to be at the Fair in the Direct Farm Marketing section. Hopefully our stand will be in the same general location where you have found us in the past. Dates for the Fair are Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the Labor Day Weekend

STONEFIELD FARM ORDER FORM:

CHICKEN: Estim. date: _____ Number: _____

Special Instructions:

TURKEYS: Number for Thanksgiving _____ Christmas _____

BEEF: Split side (quarter) _____ Side _____ Hind 1/4 _____ Front 1/4 _____

Estim. date: Spring _____ Fall _____

PORK: Side _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS/OTHER PRODUCTS?

Thanks for supporting us and local agriculture. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

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