



Eagle Crest Farm

A Local, Family-Owned Farm

Good food for your body and soul

"Taste and see that the Lord is good."



Working alongside our sons and daughters to provide healthy, locally-grown food for our family, friends, and community

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Reserve Your Thanksgiving Turkeys Now!

We are raising 60 broad-breasted white turkeys.

They are:

- Pasture-raised with free range of our pastures
- GMO-Free
- Antibiotic-free
- Steroid-free

We estimate the turkeys will weight between 14-26 lbs. We've received a lot of positive feedback from our turkey customers over the years. The turkeys are moist, healthy, and delicious! They are \$5/lb.

We will coordinate pick-up orders at our farm, and we will also schedule deliveries to a few locations. The turkeys will be available the week of Thanksgiving.

We sell out quickly, so please reserve your turkey now and let us know what size you would prefer.

CHILDREN'S GARDEN PROGRESS

The children have been working hard in their gardens this summer. In the last newsletter we told you about the gardens and crops the children were growing. Since then, they have been able to harvest fruits and vegetables from their gardens.



Claire sprouted and planted wheat from our organic wheat berries we mill for our breads. The wheat grew beautifully and she harvested a bag full of berries she can use to plant another crop. She hopes to expand her wheat crop so that she can harvest enough wheat berries to make bread with. She also harvested a bucket of potatoes, which she sautéed and shared with her siblings.

Caleb's tomatoes grew very large! Some were eaten by bugs, but he was able to harvest a lot of tomatoes and share them with others. His



pumpkin, unfortunately, was infected by squash beetles and died. Apparently they carry a bacteria that kills the vine. He was bummed, but learned a lot and has a plan for growing one next year.

Grant's corn never really grew well. Only three stalks came up. But he was content to help everyone else with their gardens, and to help us pick gallons of wild berries this summer.

Elise's strawberries grew well and she enjoyed eating them a few at a time as they ripened. She still has one watermelon on her vine that she's waiting to fully ripen. She's excited about that!



The children did a great job of watering their crops and tending to their plants. It was great to see their responsibility and eagerness!

BUILDING, PLANNING, AND PRAYING

We have been praying a lot this year for God's guidance for our family farm and ministry. There is a lot to take into consideration as we seek to faithfully manage our family, our farm and ministry, Ben's other job, and the other responsibilities of life. We want to make sure that we are doing our best and doing it all God's way.

We have a lot of plans underway, and a lot of things that we are researching intensely and taking before God in prayer. We are looking at possibly raising

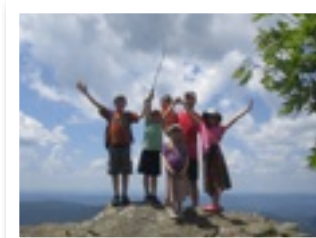
grass-fed beef, possibly raising forested pork, possibly raising bees again. We're looking at making changes to our egg-layer flock and possibly moving them out to pasture instead of free-ranging (and pooping) around our yard and woods. We're praying about our meat chicken flocks and possibly selling to restaurants. We want to look at the pros and cons of doing internet sales to make buying easier for customers.

All of this is requiring an intense amount of research, thought, and prayer. Our plan is

to finish our research this year, and hopefully begin implementing parts of the plan next year as God directs us.

We'll keep you posted about our plans as they materialize.

Feel free to give us your suggestions and requests as we plan for the future.



EGG-LAYERS FOR SALE

We will be reducing our egg-layer flock for the winter and spring due to the care they require during the winter. They need shelter from the snow, while still having opportunities to range. We can only accommodate a small flock during the winter, but will raise new chicks in the spring. We'll be selling about 200 egg-layers through craigslist Winchester.

BEYOND THE FARM: A RESPONSE TO CURRENT EVENTS

When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" ~ Ps. 11:3

In America today, we see a very anti-Christian culture developing in many ways. It certainly isn't to the extreme of some countries like North Korea; however, the gospel and a biblical worldview are being rejected by many people nowadays. We have turned our backs on God and have become wise in our own eyes. 2 Timothy 4:3-4 describes our situation well: **"For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths."**

What should we as Christians do? In verse 5, Paul tells Timothy (and us) to **"...keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."** We need to stand on God's Word and not become fearful of the cultural tide around us because God is sovereign, and He is ultimately in control. We must be willing to endure hardship as we speak the truth in love. It is important that we not be silent as we engage our culture and that we share the truth about what the Bible says about these issues. In Mark 8:38, Jesus tells us to not be ashamed of Him and His words. In Revelations 2:8-10, Jesus tells us that we must be faithful, even to the point of death, as we suffer for God.

What else can Christians do? After much prayer, parents need to give serious thought to homeschooling their children in order to equip them with a biblical worldview so they can effectively engage our culture for Christ. Fathers need to lead their children in family devotions and times of biblical discipleship in order to raise up a generation that fears God and shuns evil. Pastors need to diligently lift up the Scriptures as they lead their congregations to have a biblical worldview of

ALL of the issues we are facing today, and encourage their members to read the Bible so they can be knowledgeable about what the Bible really says. We all need to vote for godly candidates in our local and national offices, (or at least the candidates who will likely slow the downward slide of our culture). We need to vote for the candidate who will likely choose supreme court justices that will vote according to God's law. Don't be silent about Jesus when the Holy Spirit tells you to speak; rather, **"do the work of an evangelist"** and share the gospel with everyone who will listen! To answer the question raised in Psalm 11:3 above, **"Remember that the Lord is on His heavenly throne"** (vs 4), and **"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."** (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.) Do not fear what will happen in November. No matter who is president, and no matter what laws and policies get passed, God is still sovereign and victorious. Let's remember to put our hope in God and not in any man (or woman).

How can we pray for you?

The desire of our family is that our family farm would be more than just a farm, but also a ministry. We want to share God's love and truth with those we meet. And we want to lift our customers up in prayer.

We pray regularly for each of our customers. Please let us know how we can specifically be praying for you. Send us your prayer requests at eaglecrestfarm724@gmail.com

CLAIRE'S CORNER

WRITTEN BY CLAIRE, AGE 11



The Fruit of Peace

Peace is a feeling one receives when he or she knows God is near, or that he or she has done the right thing. Or it is a calm feeling during a gentle spring rain.

If someone does something they know is wrong, they don't feel peace. If someone wants peace, then they should do the right thing. When people are bad, then they don't feel peace. When you do something bad and hide it, then you feel worried and jumpy. If someone calls your name, you're afraid they have found out. If your parents are behind you, you jump. But if you confess, you feel peace.

Why not get peace right now? If you are hiding something, confess it. And if you want peace, peace that never ends, ask Christ to be your Savior!

CALEB'S CORNER

WRITTEN BY CALEB, AGE 9

Summer's Beauty

Summer is the best time of year where you can see God's most magnificent beauty in flowers, crops, and other things that show their beauty. God is a God who cares for us because we are His children. Did you know God has blessed me this summer? Well, He has because I planted two pumpkins, four tomatoes, and three strawberries. And He loved me and blessed me by giving the land rain - and that helped my garden - and nice weather, and beautiful warm sun to help them grow. God was the one who made the whole universe and He cares for us and wants to love us. Did you know all these chickens and eggs you buy from our farm are actually not ours - they're God's. He made them, He takes care of them, and all that we do for the chickens is feed them, water them, and raise them. This is God's farm, we are just stewards.

Fresh from the Farm



Pastured Chicken

Pasture-raised,
GMO-Free,
Antibiotic-Free,

Steroid-Free, Hormone-Free, healthy, delicious chicken for \$4/lb. Cut-ups are also available.

Farm Fresh Eggs



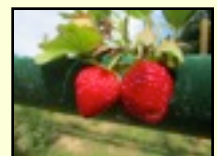
Free-ranged, GMO-Free, Antibiotic-Free, Steroid-Free, Hormone-Free. The yolks are dark and healthy. \$3.50/doz.



Homemade Bread

We have a variety of homemade breads made with organic, freshly-milled wheat that provides 40 essential nutrients: Wheat Bread, Ezekiel Bread, Banana Bread, Cinnamon-Raisin Bread, Pumpkin Bread.

Organic, Low-Sugar Jam



We spent the month of July picking berries. The berries are organic, and we use only a little honey to make the jam. We have Raspberry Jam, Blackberry Jam, and Strawberry Jam available. \$7/pint while supplies last.

FARM DEVOTIONAL: TRUSTING AND PRAYING



“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” ~ Phil. 4:6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” ~ Prov. 3:5

When we stop to consider the moral decline of our culture and the political challenges facing our nation, we may find ourselves feeling hopeless and helpless to do anything about it. For those of us who are parents, we can sometimes feel discouraged and fearful about decisions our children are making, or the condition of their hearts. However, God does not give us a spirit of timidity (2 Tim. 1:7). Instead, we have the privilege of having a personal relationship with the Creator of the universe! We have a personal relationship with the Almighty God! God cares about each of us, and He is the only one powerful enough to do something about our circumstances. Therefore, the most powerful position we can be in is on our knees.

The Bible says in Psalm 118, “It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in people. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.” Whether you’re concerned about our nation, the upcoming elections, your children, your job, or some other burden on your heart, the thing I’ve learned to do is to put my trust in the Lord; to remember that He is powerful and in control and I don’t have to fear. Then, I take my concerns in prayer to Him who is able to take care of them, and I leave them in His loving and capable hands as I trust Him and His will. Let me encourage you to trust in the Lord with all your heart about ALL of your concerns, and instead of worrying, pray. We want to be warriors in prayer on our knees, not worriers.

SOWING SEEDS:

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ~ 1 Cor. 13:6

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. ~ Romans 10:17

The best way to love people is to tell them about the forgiveness that Jesus purchased for them. When speaking with a stranger or new acquaintance, look for opportunities as soon as possible to turn the conversation towards Christianity with the goal of leading to the Gospel. Maybe they are already a believer; that’s great, you can be an encouragement to them. Maybe they aren’t a believer and are open to talking about Jesus; that’s great too...you can be used by God to direct them to Him. Maybe they aren’t a believer and are hostile to talking with you about Jesus; don’t let the fear of this stop you from trying to steer the conversation towards Jesus because the best way you can love them is to tell them the truth in love. If someone refused to believe that their house was on fire, wouldn’t you still tell them?