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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Customers

COMPOST

Saturday, May 7th was a beautiful day. Many of you showed up to get compost.

I will be loading compost, this coming Saturday, May 14th from 8 a.m. until noon.

Email me if you have questions.

If you need only a small amount, you can come anytime and self serve from the pile near the end of the driveway.

SPRING FARM DAY is Saturday May 21st, starting at noon.

The bison are calving, the little pigs arrived a few days ago, the beef animals are here plus baby chicks, baby duckling and turkey chicks.

I'll try to add a few more bunnies before the 21st.

As usual we'll have a camp fire and horse drawn wagon tours of the farm.

The one-room school will be open.

Plenty of fun and relaxing things for kids and adults to do.

It will be a nice weather day. I just know it.

An emailed RSVP is helpful, but not a requirement.

2011 ORDERS, and the next NEWSLETTER.

We have been essentially sold out since early March. I have added a few animals to the 2011 plan for some late orders. I intend to fill all existing orders. With any luck at all, those of you who are on the Waiting list will get your orders filled also.

I will send out a newsletter in August. In that Newsletter I will reconfirm what I have on order from you. Nevertheless, you are welcome to check on your order anytime. Email always works best for me.

We will harvest bison and beef from late September until early December, but most will be in October.

Hogs will be harvested in November.

Other than that, I could mention the incredible amounts of rain we have been blessed with, or mention the prices of animals, feed and fuel have gone up drastically.

I won't though.

You already know about rain and high prices. Besides, farmers complain too much anyway.

There are good sides to most everything.

All this water should mean we will grow a lot of grass this summer.

That's good.

We encourage ducks with ponds and habitat. I have never seen more. Wood ducks, mallards and teal in any direction you look. Of course that's because there is water in any direction you look but I'm not going to mention that.

Ducks are good.

Can't think of anything good about inflation.

See you soon, I hope.
Tom