

The day before the second rendering event of 2013.

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Customers

Lard Rendering, Soap making, Bobsledding Tomorrow Saturday, February 23.

We are getting another beautiful snowfall.

I feel a little uneasy writing that because I know driving is a headache for some of you at this very moment.

It is beautiful though.

The weather will be perfect tomorrow.

When you are here tomorrow, or anytime, please feel comfortable to pitch in and help.

Especially rendering or deep frying.

Everyone is a volunteer here. You can be too.

One other thing.

Please continue to watch over the kids for safety.

There is a lot for kids to do here and they do it. Nevertheless, we have incredibly few injuries of any kind.

I am sure that is because you watch over all the playing children.

Thank you.

A nice couple gave me two delicious reading marinate/butter/steaks recipes.

I have transcribed them for you and they are attached.

If you ever have trouble opening an attachment from me, just email me and I will drop it in as text.

The recipes are mouth watering but as I typed them I was impressed that it may be challenging to take this kind of care cooking when children are under foot.

I raised enough kids here to know how hectic that can be.

I mentioned some time ago that a good customer with two small children and the same busy life as many of you, told me he switched to mostly ground meat because he did not feel he could devote the time to cooking steaks correctly.

I cannot say that I like to hear that but I can understand.

It occurs to me that recipes like the two I have attached require a quieter house or perhaps one parent tending to children while the other focuses on cooking.

Or maybe a special evening without the kids.

Good luck.

Best possible regards.

Tom

p.s. Orders are coming in nicely.

I have enough numbers now to accurately predict what to raise this year.

The only issue now is one for you.

You might want to lock in your 2013 price.

Bison and lamb prices are unlikely to change in the coming months.

Beef prices may force a price increase.

The US beef herd is now at the lowest numbers since 1949. The herd is small because two years of drought forced farmers to sell their cows.

That will make the calves that I need to buy quite expensive this spring.

They were record high last year and will certainly hit a new record high again.
Hog prices may be affected by the record high price of feed which is not softening as expected.
I have not yet purchased 2013 hog feed in the hope that the price will come down.
It may not.
We will see.



Red Wine
Marinated Steaks with



Marinated Flank
Steak with Lem...