

2014 End of November Update

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Subject: End of November 2014 Update

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Customers

It is cold, but you know that.

The animals that remain are well fed and comfortable.

Harvest Schedule Summary

I will complete the beef harvest this week when I harvest for ground meat by the 1/10th on Wednesday.

I completed harvesting beef by the ¼ last Wednesday.

If you ordered beef by the ¼ you should have it or you should have received an invoice.

If not, let me know immediately.

There is ¼ unassigned and available from last week's harvest.

That will go into the ground meat if not claimed.

I will harvest to fill the last of the bison orders tomorrow, Monday.

Both bison by the ¼ and ground bison.

Invoices will go out tomorrow evening if I can thaw myself out.

Grandson Tonny will help me.

The bison are hanging out on an open hill in the south prairie.

They are comfortable in the cold wind.

Tonny and I will have to work to keep our tools and selves from freezing.

Over 2/3 of the **hogs** have been harvested.

The remaining 40 hogs will go to Quality Meats over the next three weeks.

The last group is scheduled for harvest December 19.

The **lambs** from Sand Hill Farm all went to harvest on October 30.

Turkeys, chickens, rabbits and ducks have all been harvested.

I hope you enjoyed your turkeys.

Gail served Bourbon Red for Thanksgiving.

She used the brine technique and it was delicious and tender.

I am sorry we did not have enough for all who wanted turkey.

There may be a few chickens left unclaimed at Quality Meats.

Call Nancy (320 968 7218) and ask her to set chickens aside for you if you are interested.

The same is true for rabbits. I believe a few remain at Quality.

The ducks have all been claimed.

I was surprised at the demand for ducks.

Next year we will raise a group of ducks around one of the small ponds.

We are planning to harvest Christmas trees from one of the windrows today.

I am headed out to water hogs and throw them more straw for bedding.

Not to be controversial, but global warming is not working out the way I imagined it.

Best regards.

Tom

p.s. Email me if you have questions about your order. I am happy to check.