

2022 Early November Update

**Dear Friends and Customers**

I hope you are able to get outside to enjoy these splendid late Fall days.

We are using the beautiful weather to finish preparations for winter. We have also been able to get a head start on some spring tasks.

The cattle and horses spend their afternoons relaxing on sunny slopes.

The remaining hogs are still playing in the mud.

The skies are overflowing with thousands of Sand Hill Cranes and Canadian Geese. The huge birds rest in the Sherburne Refuge by night and spend their days gleaning the fields of harvested corn.

Next week's colder weather may send many of them south.

**Harvest Update.**

We will begin to empty the last of the four hog paddocks Monday.

In three weeks the pigs will be gone until next year. That is as it should be. By mid-November the pigs will spend much of their day in "hog piles" to keep warm.

They enjoy cool temperatures but not Minnesota's bitter cold.

The much-reduced cattle herd will have five more harvest days, with the last harvest date on December 13.

It is likely to be harsh-cold by then.

That is later than I would like but it just works out that way.

The second of three groups of sheep and goats will be harvested Thursday. The last will probably go in in a few weeks. Our friends at Quality Meats need to find time to squeeze them in. This is an extremely busy time for butcher shops.

The poultry are all gone except for two turkeys.

Those two, huge and growing birds will enjoy life until early Thanksgiving morning.

Janelle, Shannon, Ella and I will harvest the turkeys about 8 a.m.

Samantha, Juan, Arthur and Katrina will be visiting Juan's family in Chile for a couple weeks around Thanksgiving.

Gail will cook one turkey for our family. The other will feed Janelle's large family.

There will be two more bison harvest dates, November 15 and December 5.

Unless there are cancellations, we are sold out of everything except ground beef. **Email me if you need ground beef.**

We will continue weekly metro drop off until Christmas. After Christmas, we will make drop off runs as needed.

Someplace in there, Gail and I intend to drive to Arizona to visit relatives.

**Next Year.**

I will email you in January informing you about 2023 plans and asking for your orders.

Unfortunately, and as you must expect, we need to raise our prices for 2023.

This amazing inflation affects us too.

Also next year we will set up for Credit Card payment. Something similar to what Quality Meats uses for your processing fees. Some of you will like that.

Best possible regards.

Tom

p.s. Email me if you have questions.

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