

## 2023 Early March Update and message about Darrell

### Dear Friends and Customers

Mallard ducks have returned to our river.

There are signs that the eagles are already setting eggs in two nearby nests.

Spring is not here just yet, but it is coming.

Over 70% of you have placed your 2023 orders. That is ahead of average, but I sense some feelings of food insecurity.

We already have hogs, bison and lambs lined up. The cattle markets seem perfectly normal.

Nothing that I know of suggests a problem filling your requests this year.

**For chickens and turkeys** contact [joppfamilyfarms@outlook.com](mailto:joppfamilyfarms@outlook.com)

The Jopp kids can accept many more orders.

### Darrell Tucker is dying.

I try to put only positive news in these Updates, but some things are too important to ignore.

Many of you will remember Darrell as the expert cook who talked to you about rendering and using your pork lard at our Winter Farm Days. The big guy who sat by the wood stove rendering lard in the barn.

I have attached a photo of Darrell at the wood stove.

Darrell has long suffered with diabetes. He is in Home Hospice and being cared for by his wife Barbara. Barbara was always a primary deep fry cook at those wonderful winter events. Barb is also my cousin.

He turned 76 on March 4<sup>th</sup> but has only a few more days left.

You might want to send Darrell and Barb a card.

*Darrell and Barbara Tucker*

*6925 100th Ave.*

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The days are getting longer and longer.

The snow is shrinking little by little.

Spring will come.

Tom

p.s. Email me if you have questions.

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