

Hogs in November Pasture



I took this photo on November 16, shortly after I let the pigs into this pasture segment.

In mid-November, the hogs were grazing this particular piece of ground for the second time.

On March 22, I posted photos and an article about planting this pasture. If you are on our facebook page, you can scroll down to see those.

On March 21, I planted a “cocktail” mix of seeds.

Oats, barley, peas, canola, mustard, turnips, radishes, and red clover.

These hogs were rotated through sections of the pasture from June until late November.

They were in this particular segment for two weeks in July.

When we moved them to a new section, this area was bare ground.

It seemed the pigs had eaten everything.

Most of the plants had already produced seeds, however.

Those seeds were planted by the pigs as they rooted through the soil.

The plants you see in the photo are from those seeds.

I planted the pasture on March 21st.

The pigs re-planted this pasture in July.

In the photo, you can see mustard, barley, oats, and peas.

The pigs also reseeded red clover, turnips, and radishes.

In the November grazing, the hogs devoured enormous radish tubers almost four inches in diameter.

Hog Heaven.

The larger hogs in the photo are well over four hundred pounds. The 138 hogs from six pastures averaged 380 pounds at harvest.

You can find photos of these pigs, as 15-pound piglets, posted March 27, on our facebook page.

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