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Gail, Timothy, and I drove two stock trailers to pick up fifty beautiful Nebraska pigs on Thursday.

Good piglets are extremely rare again this year.

We need hardy, healthy pigs that will do well on pasture.

In 2021 we raised close to 160 in five pastures.

Our customers have already ordered 140 for Fall 2022 harvest.

My spreadsheet algorithm predicts customers will order 200. We do not intend to raise more than 175.

That is a lot of hogs.

This Nebraska breeder promises 100 more pigs around the end of April.

The hogs in this first group already weigh 102 pounds on average. The next two batches of fifty will be closer to the customary 50 pounds. This farmer leaves his piglets with the sows for eight weeks. That results in healthier, better adjusted pigs.

Fifty of our 2021 pigs came from this same Nebraska farm. Those pigs did very well. No death loss, no sickness, good growth rate and good temperament.

Happy pigs all-around.

From the photos you can see that every popular breed of pig is represented.

And as Janelle said, "They are pretty too."

Gail, Ella and Janelle unloaded the pigs when we got home on Thursday evening.

The hogs, who had been on concrete, immediately took to the dirt. They are pigs.

By late May, the as yet unplanted paddocks, will be luscious gardens of brassicas (radishes, turnips, mustards), legumes and grasses.

The pigs will have a great summer.

Tom





