

2015 Early August Update Follow up

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Subject: Follow-up to Early August Update, 2015

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Customers

I wrote to you about **Bison Robe for sale** last evening.
Dave reports that it was sold early this morning.
Dan got a good deal.

If you need LATE or even NOT EARLY harvest.

I want to stress that if you need your animal, beef, pork or bison harvested later, you must let me know. Otherwise your animal will be harvested whenever your name comes up on my list. That might be anytime during the harvest which begins next week for beef and bison.

Don't panic.

Remember, it takes 10 to 14 days for normal processing.

The first orders will be ready at the very end of August.

After you get my email invoice, you still have two weeks to get your freezer ready.

If you do not NEED a specific time, please leave me have flexibility, but if timing is important to you, tell me NOW.

I will in fact harvest 20 beef, 50 hogs and six bison **after** the deer hunting break which means from mid-November until the first week of December.

Because of that, I can accommodate many requests for LATE.

But not too many.

I will need to make a firm harvest schedule within the next few days. After that, changes are a lot more work for me.

A couple of you asked about rabbits which I did not mention in yesterday's letter.

It was an intentional omission but obviously a mistake not to.

Mention rabbits, that is.

There should be enough rabbits to fill all orders.

I just harvested the first five yesterday.

Sarah of Wellspring is producing most of the 62 you have ordered.

She does a great job of raising rabbits on grass and forage.

Many of your rabbits in 2014 came from Sarah.

I will ask Nancy at Quality if we can keep a tray of dressed and frozen rabbits at Quality for your convenience.

At some point, I will email rabbit buyers separately with details etc.

I mentioned that I would restart Delivery Runs but failed to provide a date.

Weekly delivery trips will resume on Friday, August 28.

That is the day when the ducks will be ready, but of course, I can deliver any other of your meats, space permitting.

Summer sausage

A customer had to cancel her June ground beef order because her house burned from a lightning strike. Gail and I bought her order back from her.

She had ordered some of it made into summer sausage.

Gail tried it and loves it.

She says this is the first summer sausage she has been able to eat comfortably in 30 years.

That is what customers seem to find frequently with grass raised meat.

Of course, Quality Meats does a great job of making wieners and sausages but you need really good meat to start with.

That all comes to mind because some of you asked if you could have the ground meat from your "Roast beef option" processed into special products.

The answer is yes,

Best regards.

Tom

p.s. We were blessed with 2.5 inches of rain last night.

Wonderful thunderstorm.