

2016 Late June Update

On Monday, June 27, 2016 8:10 PM, SNAKE RIVER FARM <Tom@snakeriverfarmmn.com> wrote:

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Customers

The **WONDERFUL WEATHER** continues. The rain and sun have been ideal for our pastures. I suppose I have had years as good, but never better.

Gail says the pasture flowers have never been so beautiful.

Waves of yellow, white, blue, violet, and pink.

The **JUNE HARVEST** is complete.

A few of you are waiting to see if there is enough ground bison to fill all orders but otherwise I believe everyone got what they requested.

The pastures are restocked with beef animals growing and fattening for Fall.

The bison that we will harvest this Fall are here except for several that our friends the Beckstrands are raising in their pastures.

You may recall that we were to get about a dozen young bison from southeastern Minnesota in May. Those yearling heifers will be harvested in the Fall of 2017.

The trip was delayed because the farmer was injured by a young bull the evening before we were to drive down.

He is mended now and we will get those bison on July 5th.

Hogs are doing quite well.

The poultry, chickens and ducks are under heavy pressure from raptors.

Eagles mostly.

The eagles are here every day spending hours perched and waiting for a careless bird.

Ben and Blake have strung many twine strings over the poultry pastures to make it difficult for the eagles to swoop in and out.

Freedom comes with risks.

Sarah Kucera has delivered 100 frozen chickens to Quality Meats in Foley.

Be sure to call Nancy at QM and have here set yours aside if you intend to pick them up or have them on a drop-off run soon.

There will be more chickens in a few weeks.

We will continue to restock QM with chickens through October.

Midge Johnson, who is raising most of your rabbits this year, delivered 35 to Quality Meats a week ago.

Pick them up or arrange for drop-off as you wish.

There are at least two metro drop-off trips planned.

I will make a Saturday trip on July 2nd.

Albertville at 10, MG at 11, Andover at noon.

The July 2nd load is full.

And a third trip, Friday the 8th.

Usual Friday afternoon timing.

Albertville at 3, Maple Grove at 4, Andover at 5.

Email me if you wish help.

The Fall Harvest will begin in early August and end in December.

I will begin sending you information about the Fall harvest schedule in July.

The National Bison Association Summer Conference came together terrifically well.

As you know, Gail and I were sponsors of the conference along with the Minnesota Buffalo Association.

Last Tuesday about 300 NBA members spent the day here at Snake River Farm.

Everything, including the weather was just fabulous.

As Gail and I gloat about how well it went, we cannot imagine what could have been better.

Of course, we had dozens of super helpers.

The link below takes you to an article that ran in the Sherburne County paper.

If you follow it, the cook in the first photo is not "Hired" as the reporter says but rather our good friend Dave Beckstrand who raises some of your bison.

Also, our name is Snake River Farm Minnesota. There is a large international meat producer in Idaho named Snake River Farms (plural).

If you have a choice open the link with Microsoft Edge. There are four photos and for some reason Google does not open them on my computer.

The "blacksmith" in the fourth photo is my brother John.

<http://www.citizennewspaper.com/news/day-two-bison-conference-held-%E2%80%88snake-river-farms>

Best possible regards.

Tom

Email me if you have questions.

