

2023 Late April Update

Dear Friends and Customers

Spring Farm Day is Saturday, May 20th, from 1 to 5 p.m.

There will be lots of space and lots of things to do.

The farm animals, the one-room schoolhouse, the playground, wagon tours of the farm, the farm museum, the campfire, wagon rides to the bison herd.

Brother John will set up to teach blacksmithing.

Neighbor Terry will set up his sawmill and turn logs into boards.

I will send a reminder in a week or two.

You are welcome to bring your families, neighbors, or friends.

The Fall Farm Day is Saturday, September 23. Mark that down

Our little Snake River has crested several times in the past two weeks. It rises with each major snow melt or rain event. Thus far we have little real flood damage, but it does look and feel like “Water World” around here.

I hope your place is reasonably above water.

Gail and grandkids, Ella, Saul, and Hazel collected sap and made a few quarts of maple syrup.

It was a poor maple season for us and many others. The snow was too deep to reach many trees and the temperatures were erratic.

But the kids learned a lot and have big plans for 2024.

Many customers wrote recently asking about mRNA vaccines for cattle.

The questions were apparently prompted by an article from Dr Mercola. Many of you follow Dr. Mercola. He is an expert on food health. I do not get his newsletter, but we generally agree with him, including the topic of mRNA drugs. I do not claim any expertise in that area, except to be a believer that less foreign substances are better than more.

The flurry of questions from you caused me to write a short document. That is in explanation of our position and procedures regards, chemicals, medications, drugs, hormones, vaccines etc.

I have attached the document to this Update and also pasted it at the bottom of this letter.

Dr. Mercator’s article is accurate, but the headline is overly dramatic. I assume the title was enhanced to get more clicks.

There is no need to read Dr. M’s article, but I have placed a link at the far bottom of this letter.

Lots of animals are coming soon.

Juan and Janelle seeded and rebuilt the pig pastures this week.

The 150 pigs will come at the end of next week.

We started rebuilding the beef herd on Monday. It will eventually grow to almost 100 cattle.

The lambs will come in the next few days.

We are watching closely for the birth of bison calves.

Although we are not raising poultry to sell, Gail has ordered 50 chicks for our family, plus a few ducks, turkeys, and goslings. Those will all be here for Farm Day.

We hope to see you then.

Enjoy Spring!

Tom

p.s. Email me if you have questions.

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The Snake River Farm meets and exceeds the Organic Regulations. 4/26/2023

We have not used chemical fertilizers, herbicides, insecticides, or fungicides at the Snake River Farm for many decades.

We raise all our animals in natural, outside pastures which are fundamentally healthy and disease free.

None of our animals are given hormones or growth stimulants.

It is rare for our animals to get sick or injured. If that occurs, we might use antibiotics to treat an individual animal when it would be inhumane not to do so.

Fortunately, it has literally been years since we have administered antibiotics to an animal.

Some of our beef animals are vaccinated before they are brought to our farm. Those vaccines are for common cattle diseases from which it could be considered inhumane to not protect our animals. The vaccinations that our cattle may receive have been in use for over half a century.

These basic vaccinations are allowed under the Organic Regulations.

None of our animals receive mRNA vaccines.

No mRNA vaccines are approved for cattle use in the USA.

A mRNA vaccine has been approved for swine use. That vaccine only appeals to managers of large confinement operations.

The mRNA vaccines when/if available will only appeal to and be used by large animal confinement operations.

Eventually all large scale, commercial sources, (Cub, Shopko, Publix, etc.) may be stocked with mRNA meat.

We do not get animals from large operations. We deal only with other small farms.

We know that our animals are not vaccinated with mRNA drugs.

You best way to avoid chemicals, medications, and drugs is to know your small farmer.

Tom Barthel, Snake River Farm

Link to Mercola article below.

<https://organicconsumers.org/beef-producers-panic-over-mrna-vaccine-news/>

Beef Producers Panic Over mRNA Vaccine News

Analysis by Dr. Joseph Mercola