

April 2015

Dear Friends,

At last...after months of cold, physical challenges for Judith, and revisions we bring you news from the farm! The fields are greening up nicely after a long, cold winter. We fared relatively well with little damage during the rounds of snow and ice.

Making sure all the animals have water is the most challenging winter chore. The cows stay in one one paddock all winter to protect the grass in the existing fields and also to concentrate the nutrients from the cows waste products where it is needed. This year they overwintered in field 4 behind the house eating hay and preparing the area to be sown in crabgrass.

Theodora is still small enough to go under the fence so we often find her having a snack in the yard around the house before her mother calls her back to join the herd.

Domino was reunited with the ladies Thanksgiving weekend in order to do his job staying with them for 2 months before being put back into isolation. Fingers crossed, we will have calves in the fall.

After egg production almost came to a complete stop for 2 months, the laying eggs are again producing well. The amount of light they get helps determine how much they lay.

The chickens for meat arrived a few weeks ago and have begun their march across the pasture eating certified organic feed and all the bugs they can catch. They will be available for \$24 each the first of May.

Some days it is hard to remember that each season has its purpose and that winter is a time for life to rest and change to occur under the surface. Hooray for Spring when the invisible becomes visible!

May you experience the beauty and renewal of Spring!

Jonathan and Judith

PS. Several have asked what we do about vegetables since we do not grow our own. For years now we have purchased yummy and gorgeous vegetables from Stacy and Sonia Geny of Paradise Produce – <http://paradiseproducefarm.com> located right here in Joelton.