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M.A.D. Farms

M.A.D. (Making A Difference) New Years Newsletter



October 2019

Greetings from the Farm

Dear Family and Friends,
We hope this newsletter finds all of you blessed from the Christmas season and expectant of the new year ahead.

We have much to be thankful for here on the farm and quite a lot has happened since our last newsletter. We are very excited to catch you up.

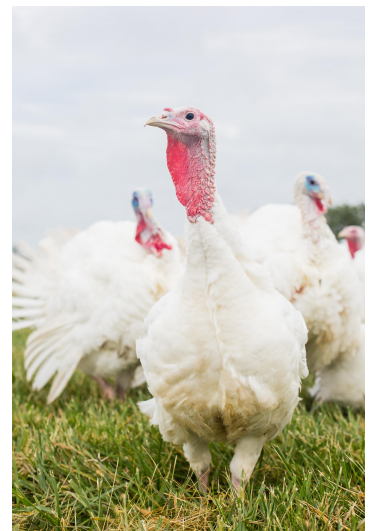
HUGE Lessons Learned – Turkeys

As for many of our endeavors on the farm, this year we had our first experience raising turkeys! If I were to choose one word to describe it, I would have to go with the word **HUGE**.

In May 2019 we received our first 15 poults (baby turkeys) in the mail. We were very excited to bring home our new noisy additions and at first sight you could probably describe them as *HUGE* chicks. Obviously, they grow up to look very different than a chicken.

A Fun fact about poults, they are not as hearty as chicks and it is really important that you pay close attention to them for the first few weeks, otherwise they will find ways to die. We left the brooder with only 10 out of the 15 poults. Losing 1/3rd of your flock is *HUGE*.

After the 10 turkeys moved out on pasture they thrived and did very well for the next 5 months. And yes, I did say 5 months. We harvested our turkeys at 6 months old and they were *HUGE*. We thought that our pasture raised turkeys would be big, but we never expected the largest to be a whopping 44 lbs. Who has room in their oven for a turkey that *HUGE*?



Turkeys in October

Which leads me to our harvest day. We thought it would take a few hours for 10 turkeys, but boy were we wrong. It ended up taking us 2 days to harvest those *HUGE* birds. But, I must say, the taste was also *HUGE*!

So, if you didn't get a chance to get your order in this last Thanksgiving, you better get it in for 2020! We promise they won't be as big (15-20lbs), but you won't be disappointed.



Beyond Thankful for Thanksgiving

This Thanksgiving our new hoop house was complete! In the beginning this was a feat that felt impossible to finish. None of the team had done anything like this before and it seemed to be quite intimidating to build something so big. But, on the evening of November 26, with help from family and friends, the house was finished! The next morning we were able to move our Egg Laying Chickens (with their rooster companions) into their new home for the winter. Check out the pictures below to see our chicken's in their new winter dwelling.



Beyond Organic...

M.A.D. Farms is not certified organic, however we feel like we are one step better. We are 100% transparent. This means you are welcome to visit our farm at any time and see how we are raising and processing our products. We strive to raise our animals in a natural environment with high quality NON GMO feed. The animals are free of antibiotics and hormones. We then in turn provide you the best quality food in the safest manner. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Into the Future...2020!

We are very excited about this coming year. We have many new ideas and upcoming ventures for M.A.D. Farms Kansas. Hopefully you will be as excited as we are about all the new possibilities.

Here is what is up and coming:

- In the spring, we are adding cattle and sheep to our farm. What does this mean to you? Beef and lamb will be added to the menu! We still need to secure a abattoir, but once we do, we plan to sell grass fed and finished beef and lamb.

- Our brooder will also be getting an upgrade! Besides housing up to 600 baby chicks, we are also adding an incubator! We will be hatching our own eggs in order to expand our egg production. This will also add "ready to lay" pullets to our inventory. Be sure to bring the little ones out to see the baby chicks in the spring!

- Our first American Guinea Hog boar will arrive in March! That means we should have our first piglets by the end of June!

All of us here at M.A.D. Farms, want to wish you a Happy New Year and pray for blessings in your year ahead!

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Products For Sale!

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Buy Now :

- Whole Chickens \$4.50/lb
- Fresh Eggs \$3.00/dz

Ready for Pre-Order :

- 1/2 a Hog
- Broiler Chickens -
Whole/Pieces
- Thanksgiving Turkeys

We will be adding a form on the website to assist with pre-orders. This will help us better gauge production and processing logistics to better serve you. Until the form is ready, please just email or call us.



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