



Fall/Winter 2023



Land of Opportunity

With the help of human innovation, the same land that provided for previous generations is producing more than ever before. At the same time, innovations in agriculture have given farmers and ranchers a unique opportunity to understand the land and the impact our operations have on it.

It has never been more clear that in agriculture, opportunity and responsibility are one in the same. The opportunity to work with the land comes with the responsibility to care for it. The opportunity to produce healthy food for families today comes with the responsibility to ensure that the next generation has the ability to do the same.

Every day, these simple truths drive us to do our best for our farms, our environment, our community, and our family. We are inspired to seek new understanding about our soil, crops, and livestock. We find the courage to try new practices and the strength to persevere when new ideas don't go as planned. We are embracing the reality that today's generation of farmers and ranchers have the greatest opportunity to improve and protect the very land that has selflessly provided for every generation before us. This work, along with teaching the next generation why we do it, gives us purpose and motivation when the days are long. This opportunity is one we want to make the most of.



An Underground Economy

Did you know there is a whole economy beneath our feet? Every day, plants barter with bacteria and fungi for the goods they need. These beneficial microorganisms scavenge and bring nutrients to the plants in exchange for the sugar plants create through photosynthesis. This symbiotic relationship is the

foundation for a healthy ecosystem and is the basis for why cover crops are so beneficial! In fallow fields, soil biology starves to death, but in green fields, the soil is alive with thriving soil biology!



From the Field

This year's harvest was a blur! With only two major rain events to slow us down, harvest seemed to run wide open from the very beginning. Yields were better than expected after a 60 day dry spell caused some significant stress on our crops in May and June. During these months, crops are sensitive to heat and drought stress and often produce less than their genetic potential to conserve water and energy. When the rain finally did turn on, showers were abundant and put to good use. Both corn and soybeans need significant moisture late in the summer to fill their grain to its full potential. Continued rain throughout July and August greatly helped all of our crops finish strong.

This fall's warm, dry weather and increase in run time was great for getting the corn and soybeans out and getting the cover crops planted early. It also allowed us to plant more covers than ever before. We were glad to know that our

covers were in place to slow down the water and reduce erosion when we finally received five inches of rain in late October. The soil was able to soak up the rain, watering the cover crop and storing the rest for later use.

With early planting, plenty of moisture under the crop residue, and beautiful, sunny days, this year's cover crop took off. We are excited to see the amount of growth and plant diversity. We are looking forward to turning our livestock out to graze the covers soon, but first we have a lot of temporary, electric fence to build!



Winter Cover Crop Lineup



Clover



Cereal Rye



Turnips



Winter Peas



Triticale



Hairy Vetch

Custom Meat

BERKSHIRE PORK DELIVERED

Both raising and eating Berkshire pork has been a big hit on the farm this year. We all enjoyed seeing the baby pigs this spring, and after growing all summer, it was great to see them processed to feed families in our community this fall. The last of the hogs will be delivered this month.



UPCOMING BEEF RESERVATIONS

With only a few remaining beef reservations for January 2024, the majority of our available reservations are scheduled for June and July 2024. We will be feeding fewer steers this summer, with the intention to feed more this fall (to be processed in January 2025), so please don't delay booking if you prefer a summer reservation.

Reservations will be available with these great processors:

- Burnett Meats in Melber, KY,
- Yoder's Meat Processing in Hickory, KY
- Wallace Processing in Waverly, TN

Reservations can be made online (just scan the QR code below) or by calling us directly. Online reservations are an easy way to place your order and share your processing instructions at your own pace and at a time that is convenient for you! But please don't hesitate to call us if you have any questions!

We want to say a big "thank you" to everyone who purchased meat in 2023!



Scan this QR code with the camera on your smart phone to go directly to our website!



Processing Tip

Did you know a T-Bone steak combines two of the most popular cuts: Filet Mignon and New York Strips! These delicious cuts can be found on either side of the "T" shaped bone. If you love a BIG helping of delicious meat in one setting, you should order T-Bones. If you prefer to save your filets for a special occasion, take the bone out and have your filets and strips packaged separately.

Summer 2024 Beef Reservations Available Now!

We are excited to officially open our beef reservations for this coming summer!

With easy online reservations, you can choose your processor and give us your processing instructions directly from our website. We'll put your name on the first available date with your preferred processor and send you a confirmation email and digital invoice. We designed this new paperless option to be quick and easy for our customers and support our goal to reduce waste and protect our environment.

Of course, you are always welcome to give us a call if you would prefer to make a reservation over the phone, or if you have questions about the online reservation process!



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