

## TWO TRACKS ACRES NEWSLETTER

April 2014



Spring is in the air. The chicks are peeping, the plants are sprouting, and I just got my first mosquito bite. Ahhh Spring.

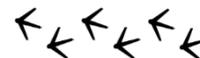


Welcome old and new members to Two Tracks Acres 2014! We are looking forward to selling Two Tracks meat and maybe some veggies at the Grass Lake and Chelsea markets this summer. This is the next step in diversifying our farm, and we can't wait to get out to some markets.

This winter was a difficult one and we are getting off to a slow start. We were finally able to move both the chicks and pigs to the outdoors since it's become warmer, but let me tell you it was none too soon. The pigs have a new fenced in enclosure from last year. We rotated their pen and spread a cover crop over the old area, which should grow well on such fertile ground. Pigs have had a hard time of it this winter because there is a virus going around and farmers have lost many of their animals due to cold and disease. Two of our regular sources for piglets did not have any available (I think mostly because they lost litters to the cold) but it is a problem all over the country. Fortunately we got lucky and eventually found some, so we are ready to go.



A few weeks ago a "box o' chicks" arrived for us at the post office. This is how they deliver chicks these days – in the mail. Surprisingly, they were none the worse for wear and were simply very hungry. We have also found a new source of non GMO corn for the chickens. This is exactly what we were hoping for, and although we won't be able to start getting it until later in the season, we are eager to switch over to a product more in line with our values.



We have been working on the “homestead” and have added fruit trees, a vegetable garden, and a hoop house. Progress is good.

This year the season will begin the last Wednesday in May (May 28<sup>th</sup>) and Saturday (May 31). Please email your preference for pickup:

- (1) Wednesday Food Hub evening
- (2) Wednesday Tantre Farm afternoon
- (3) Saturday Food Hub morning

I will soon send specific times when a volunteer (or ourselves) will be available at the pickup places to greet you.

If you are interested in a once a month pickup – getting all your shares for the month at one time – please let us know as this option is also available.

If you have not made your final payment, please send it soon before the season starts.



Thanks and  
Be Well!

