

GUS'S FARM

NEWSLETTER

Pasture Raised & Veteran Owned

MARCH 2021



CURRENT INVENTORY

- Ham Steaks / Roasts
- Pork Chops
- Regular Ribs
- Country Style Ribs
- Liver



What's New on the Farm?

Farrowing, Family, and the Future

The sows and I made it through our first experience farrowing (when a pig gives birth). Lots of lessons learned for both humans and swine and it feels good to have another notch on the belt. Albeit small. However we accomplished our goal of being able to source all of this year's piglets from our own farm. Not having to look for, drive to, and pay for piglets during the spring rush is very relieving.

Be sure to check out our website:

www.gusfarm.com

Farrowing, Family, and the Future

Just as we caught our breath from a hectic week of farrowing, Melissa and I welcomed a happy healthy boy, George, just a few days later. Already beyond grateful that baby and mom were okay, to make things better, one of our neighboring farm's owners was our assigned RN. Thanks again Beth!

It's impossible not to hold your child and think about their future. As a young dad this brings me great excitement but as a farmer (who tries his best to be well informed) it's a bit sobering. While letting George and Melissa nap in the hospital I stumbled upon an article from Yale that stated "More than a third of farmland in the U.S. Corn Belt - nearly 100 million acres - has completely lost its carbon-rich topsoil due to erosion[.]"

And descend I do into the rabbit hole of gloom... our avocado consumption is killing an already declining bee population, the grass-fed beef at grocery stores with a USA label is likely from a recently deforested South America (but cut up here so it's an American product you see), another farm is bought, another development is built, all the while companies like Bayer are pushing adds about the latest greatest three phase poison for weed control.

But, within the darkness of this rabbit hole are conclusions of encouragement and sidebars of hope. I find articles about Patagonia continuing to lead the way as a sustainable corporation, states like Wyoming beginning to give ranchers credit for carbon sequestration through rotational grazing. I remember that most local farms were flooded with new customers amidst the pandemic, that the grain we feed is grown just 30 minutes away using no-till methods that prevent erosion like that of the Corn-Belt and I remember at no time in history has more science, instruction, information, materials, or efficiencies been available to help us farm in a regenerative way. I remember that I do have customers like you taking part in a brighter, tastier, healthier, better future for my children - for all of our children.

Melissa awoke and it was my turn to hold our little boy. The future is bright.



Possibly too bright huh George?

LAST CALL

Order to reserve a bulk order of a whole or half a hog to stalk your freezer this spring 2021.



Email gusfarmnh@gmail.com to reserve your share today. Pick up will be available at the end of May and will allow you to stock up for summer cook outs and limit the amount of time you spend shopping. Cost \$4.25/lb. hanging weight

Customer Reviews

- **"Buying a half pig for our family of five was an easy and economical decision!** We froze the majority of it, and with a variety of bacon for weekend breakfasts, and ham steaks for dinners, we had staples that we easily turned into meals for our family, as well as a few new items that allowed for recipe creativity. With a single click and purchase, a bulk of our family's grocery shopping was complete. Highly recommend!" – Rachel Winters
- **"We have had a great experience ordering in bulk from Gus's Farm.** A large variety of delicious cuts, packaged and sorted perfectly, we are huge fans of bulk orders and getting a little bit of everything Gus's pigs have to offer!" – Meredith Holman