

GUS'S FARM

"Pasture Raised & Veteran Owned"
December Newsletter



CURRENT INVENTORY

- * Bacon
- * Jowl Bacon
- * Breakfast Sausage
- * Chorizo Sausage
- * Maple Brown
Sugar Sausage
- * French Apple
Sausage
- * Ham Roasts
- * Pork Shoulders
- *Pork Loin Roasts
- *Pork Butt Roasts
- * Ham Steaks
- * Maple Syrup

What's new on the farm?

With Thanksgiving over and the weather agreeable it's been nice to take a short break. Of course there is plenty of wood and brush to cut, machines and tools to maintenance, and organization to do but the daily requirements are minimal and that's enjoyable. With no leaves and minimal snow I find it enjoyable to drive around the back roads and let my imagination fill around the endless stonewalls. They serve as a reminder that even the most meager farm work can be long lasting and impactful. Then I see a gorgeous 200-year-old maple selected by generations for its location and sap production almost cruelly lopped into pieces by the tree company. Almost in contrast to stonewalls; the logs remind me that nothing is forever...and that I really need a sawmill. I wonder...should I go get that log for when I do?

Stonewall daydreaming is a rare break between the lengthy and intense brainstorming for the farm I do my best to think through. Trying hard to prioritize all of the plans, sketches, and ideas I have for the properties. I think to myself, "I really need to build that bigger weaning pen fence...If I do that I should make sure the corners are tall enough for the lean-too ...If I pick up a whole trailer of poles at once it will be more efficient...if I unload a whole trailer load of poles I should put them there...If I put them there I need to finish moving that brush and stump pile...If I do that I might as well move the other ones at the same time...what did Melissa ask me to pickup on my way home?"

Spring is going to be busy...I need to plant peach trees this spring...I should prioritize the planting, so I make sure I do it on time...I'll need chips to mulch after planting...I need to rent a chipper...if I rent a chipper I can work on those piles where the weaning pen is going...I should cut that pine before I start working on that weaning pen...if I had the saw mill the weaning pen and lean-to would be almost free...that pine would be perf-why is Melissa calling me? *Turning truck around* No, I remembered! ... I should of brought my gas cans on the way to the store for Melissa to fuel up my chain saw to start cutting those trees where the weaning pen is going to go, so I can chip up the branches with the chipper I'll rent to get rid of brush and mulch the trees after we plant...I need to figure out which varieties to get...

CHRISTMAS BUNDLES

Support a local business this holiday season by ordering one of the following bundles:

A Holiday Breakfast ~ \$30

Bacon, Sausage, & a pint of Maple Syrup

Sausage Sampler ~ \$50

Chorizo, French Apple, Maple Sugar, & Breakfast

Winter Dinners ~ \$125

Ham Roasts, Bacon, Sausage (variety of flavors of your choice), & Pork Shoulder Roast

CHRISTMAS DINNER IDEAS

HAM ROASTS

&

PORK ROASTS

Available

(Pork Shoulders, Pork Loin, & Pork Butt Roasts – these are great in the oven or as pulled pork / easy crock pot meals)

Merry Christmas from our family to yours – The Franchi Family