



Knight Family Farm Newsletter – October 31, 2016

Pea-Sized Brains?

I've mentioned before that chickens can often be creatures that really act the size of their teeny brains. It's not their fault, really. But often they do possess what seems like above average intelligence for a chicken. This short little video shows how a chicken caught me by surprise. You can watch the video first, or you can read on for a little more background.

<https://youtu.be/eU55CgZiX7U>

Our chickens love tractors

The tractor doesn't get used much on our farm, but whenever the chickens hear it they – and Goose - get excited. Yes, chickens get excited. They know it will probably be used to move them to fresh pasture, and they enjoy everything about it – as the attached picture shows! One of the things they do drives me crazy though. It used to make me about as nervous as teaching my daughter to drive. :) Whenever we drive the tractor anywhere near them they swarm the tractor looking for all of the bugs that that it stirs up. The tires, sound and vibrations in the ground seem to call bugs out of nowhere and the chickens have learned to take advantage of it.

It's pretty entertaining to watch over a hundred chickens chasing, jumping and leaping after hundreds of quick-moving grasshoppers, crickets and even bees. They get so focused on it that they don't realize a 3 ton green monster is about ½ inch from running them over. In all the years of moving them we have only lost one chicken to a tractor tire, but EVERY time we move them we cringe as we see them running wildly after a bug and then disappear in front of one of the tractor wheels.

Well, we're used to chickens chasing tractors, but a few weeks ago one lone chicken got my attention. The move to fresh pasture was long finished and the chickens were spread out all over searching for new chicken-treasures. I was carefully walking the newly-placed fence, intently focused on making sure there were not any low spots through which a predator might sneak.

I eventually realized one chicken was following me inside the fence. I'd stop and it would seem to scratch the grass and casually disappear, as if it didn't want me to know. I'd start again and suddenly it was right there acting like it did when I drive the tractor. Could it be?? I walked on to the next section of fence but watched the chicken instead of the fence this time. Sure enough, just my own walking through the tall grass was

stirring up grasshoppers and the chicken was chasing them down and eating them!
That's one smart chicken – even if it does have a pea-sized brain.

Delivering to Lexington Wednesday

Please send us any orders by Tuesday night, or very early Wednesday at the latest – preferably by 8:00 am. We will be at Gluten Free Miracles Wednesday from 2:30 – 3:30 and Mill Pond Chiropractic from 4:00 – 6:00. Delivery to Hamburg is available if you let us know ahead of time. Call if you have any questions. Let us know if you are interested in delivery to your home, work place or another location.

For the family,

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Pasture-raised non-GMO jumbo eggs . \$4.00 / dz

Ground Beef	\$6.00 / lb
Roast (Chuck, Rump, Shoulder)	\$7.00 / lb
Tri Tip Roast.....	\$10.50 / lb
Beef Brisket.....	\$7.50 / lb
Flat Iron Steak.....	\$9.00 / lb
Top Sirloin Steak	\$11.00 / lb
Tenderloin/Filet Mignon.....	\$5.50* (\$18.00 / lb)
New York Strip Steak	\$5.60** (\$14.00 / lb)
Rib Eye Steak	\$10.50*** (\$14.00 / lb)
London Broil	\$9.00 / lb
Cube Steak	\$7.50 / lb
Minute Steak	\$7.50 / lb
Stew Meat	\$7.50 / lb
Fajita Strips	\$8.50 / lb
Sirloin Tips.....	\$9.50 / lb
Short Ribs.....	\$6.00 / lb
Beef Heart	\$3.50 / lb
Leg of Lamb (bone-in).....	\$11.50 / lb
Lamb Shoulder Roast (bone-in).....	\$10.00 / lb
Lamb Shoulder Roast (boneless)	\$11.00 / lb
Lamb Shoulder Chops	\$11.00 / lb

Lamb Loin Chops\$14.50 / lb
Lamb Rib Chops\$14.50 / lb
Lamb Shanks\$4.50 / lb
Gift Certificate Any amount[#]

* Price per steak based on average 1/3 pound steak weight

** Price per steak based on average 6 ounce steak weight

*** Price per steak based on average 3/4 pound steak weight

Certificates \$25 or more for new customers will receive a free NY Strip Steak