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Dear Deo Volente Farm Friends,

We hope that this newsletter finds you in good health and enjoying life. Spring is almost here! We always look forward to our first batch of baby chicks. They are just so cute! Check out the blog for pictures in April...

So, over the last few months some changes have developed concerning the farm. First off, Tyler has taken over the daily management of the farm under Scott's direction. Andrew and Daniel continue to be excellent workers, and Jacob started coming out last year to help with his little bucket. Scott is finishing up his junior year at PSU majoring in Mechanical Engineering which doesn't leave him with much spare time especially since last summer he got his contractor's license and now does construction and welding work. He has a website at [www.enduringconstructions.com](http://www.enduringconstructions.com), and he is always looking for new projects, no matter what the size.

Another major change this year concerns the chicken deposits and pricing. We now have an estimated price per pound. The final price will be based upon the actual cost to raise the birds. Although this is more complicated than what we have done in previous years, we need to do this to stay in business. Last year we had a major net loss due to the always present "uncontrollables" of farming. We had rising feed costs (70% increase), a heat wave that killed over 100 full grown chickens in one day and we suspect possible theft. All of a sudden a bunch of our chickens disappeared that were in the pasture visible from the road. We will attempt to make the final price to be very close to the estimated price and pass the savings on to you if possible. We will notify you of the final price two weeks before processing when we call to arrange the pick-up time of your chickens. You are more than welcome to adjust or cancel your order at that time.

This year we are raising 1000 chickens which will be available in June and another batch available in September. As always, our chickens are free ranged on pasture and are supplemented with grains which are hormone, medication and antibiotic free. At butchering they are 10 weeks old and weigh an average of 6 pounds per chicken. If you would like a different size please contact us and we will try and accommodate you. If you would prefer to pick up your chickens not frozen please indicate that on your order form. It is then necessary for you to pick up your birds the same day they are processed.

We are also continuing to do all of our own processing on our mobile processing unit that Scott built last year. In addition to our birds, we continue to process for other people raising poultry. We charge \$3.50 per chicken, offer quantity discounts, and have crates available for transportation. Please feel free to pass on our information or contact us for more details.

And now for the small print:

The estimated price for 2009 is \$2.85 per pound. As before the quantity discounts of \$.10 per pound for 50 birds and over will apply. We encourage group orders, where one person represents friends and family as to obtain the quantity discounts. That person will be responsible for picking up, distributing, coordinating payment and they are legally responsible for all of their group's chickens. Please understand that legally we cannot sell processed birds to wholesalers or for re-sale to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties. Due to the nature of our operation we cannot guarantee that all birds ordered will be available. If there are not enough birds to fill your order when we receive it or if we become aware of a shortage, we will promptly notify you and refund your deposits.

If you have any questions please contact us,

Scott, Tyler, Andrew, Daniel, and Jacob Cone



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## 2009 Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New or changed address information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me by (circle one):    Email    Phone

### Prices:

**Freezer Ready Chickens:** *Estimated* at \$2.85/lb

**Feet:** \$2.00/lb

**Hearts and Livers:** Same prices as chickens

### Deposits:

**Freezer-Ready Chickens @ \$6 per bird**    \_\_\_\_\_ # of chickens x \$6 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Extras:** Please mark how many pounds of each you would like

\_\_\_\_\_ Hearts                  \_\_\_\_\_ Livers                  \_\_\_\_\_ Feet

**Batch Dates: (We will contact you to arrange a date and time):**

June 1-12     September 14-25

I would like my chickens not frozen

### Acknowledgements:

I, the customer, acknowledge that the deposit is not refundable after the eighth week or after I agree to the final price unless there are insufficient chickens to fill my order. The remaining balance is due at time of pick-up. For processed chickens Deo Volente Farm has limited freezer space. If there is an unforeseen delay in picking up processed chickens, Deo Volente Farm will, **if space permits**, store processed chickens for \$.50 per chicken per day. I acknowledge that I am financially responsible for the processed chickens even if no storage space is available.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_