

# ***The Bonnie Blue Farm Report***

***Our self-sustaining source of all organic produce, fruit, berries, sheep, piggys, chickens and of course the ever present (and into everything) turkeys.***

## **Meet Dottie**



She wants her cheeks rubbed and is being a little pushy because we have not been able to give her all the attention she wants with all the cold weather and business of life.

Being our longest legged Katahdin sheep, it is easy to get the milk pail under her, but it is also easy for her to get her foot in the milk...

She can be a bit of a loner, for a sheep. She will stay a little ways off from the rest of the flock and seems to really look forward to her time with humans.

## **Around the Farm**

It looks as if we have 4 or 5 pregnant ewes, so maybe up to 10 lambs running around soon to take pictures of. Very fun to watch as they almost jump out of their wool with so much youngster energy! And we will have fresh sweet milk to drink again. Can't wait! (Sheep milk makes the best ice cream.)

A big decision this year was to reduce the chickens from over 250 down to under 100. The organic feed is too expensive to break even for what we can sell eggs for. So we are just keeping all the blue egg layers and some Dark Cornish for meat. We thought we would miss them, but the reduction in work load is very welcome. We still have enough extra delicious fresh eggs to give to our newest real estate clients!

The short bit of warm weather caused many of the trees to bud out. We are praying that we do not get a bout of very cold weather. Soon the warm weather will have everyone out in their gardens and I am looking forward to my favorites: blueberries and nectarines. But for now, time to plant the peas, broccoli, and cauliflower!

After three long years of ground clearing, fencing and planting it seems the farm is almost on auto pilot. Which is good because Real Estate has been picking up as Clark County continues to grow at a rapid pace.

Until next month,

*Jay D Willis*



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