

Newsletter 01/13/2023

Happy Friday the 13th.

Orders are due Monday 1/16/23 by 8:00 am.
Delivery will be on Wednesday 1/18/23.

We haven't had much input on the cured meats. Please give us some input on your thoughts.

Over the next month all of us Plato Daleians will be doing some kind of education program. We spend at least a week going to classes online and in person. We will take classes on financial mgt., vegetable and fruit production, greenhouse production, pasture management, poultry and cattle production, baking, agro-hosting, kitchen management and quite a few others. Some are just for fun!

Economic viability is always top of mind for small farmers like us. I think that in order for us to make all the contributions we would like to make, we must first be able to pay our bills and support our staff and ourselves with a sustainable lifestyle.

I think everyone has their own idea as to what a sustainable lifestyle is. All of our staff have college degrees and could easily work outside of the farm for multiple times what they make at the farm financially.

Most of you work in industries that might have margins and profits. The average margin on a farm in the US is very negative. Farmers typically give you their retirement savings for the pleasure of farming. Farmers then retire on the appreciation of their land assets, selling the land asset at retirement.

Building maintenance and property development will also play a large role in our financial management over the years.

Please consider getting Home Delivery CSA orders soon. With a \$500 deposit we will set up a payment plan for the next 3 months. Pictures are for promotion of our meat boxes.

Have a very Happy New Year.

Kent, Jenny and the Plato Dale Crew!

