

WE'RE FORTUNATE. WE CAN YIELD TO OUR OUTDOORS FOR CALM AND COMFORT.

Morning always seems to start out groggy unlike Hudson and Walter who jump to attention with the urge to eat and be stroked. Walter and I amble up the rise to the West toward the stone house. The sun glistens off the West roof after another shower.

I scrutinize the first flowers (they suffered only minor stings from the 4th frost at dawn) of a three year old apple planting of Northern Spy, Pippin, Pixie Crunch, Pink Pearl, and other oddities that only a gambler would attempt. Walter munches grass along the way before we cross the road to the barn. It is a wonder how green the world has become after prolonged gloom and cold.

How we process our landscape and moral conflicts may be in stark contrast to those on "front lines" of economic and medical turmoil. Gratitude cannot be defined.

But farming too is dangerous. Some wit has described a farm as "a tangle of thistles, bound, by a box of bank notes, containing a fool and his wife who didn't know enough to stay in the city." Sometimes we have thought that we would be "richer" by doing honorable shift work, a home in a subdivision, a station wagon, and two kids waiting to break out.

The difference is hope. Hope that this is the year we will get it right. It brings success that we determine, not soggy weather, interest rates or long days.

And, yet, what we do hinges on our relationship with you who must go out of your way to reach us. How I long to renew

my friendship with Helen and Bob who came out from their city most Fridays. We hope you have risen above the fray.

The new and old barn (part of it is a timber frame from Becky's family farm in Huron) rises for our retail to deepen our commitments. Ben has overseen this resurrection with the passion shared with Dwight Miller and Mike Meyer, the creative geniuses and builders.

Our family, with five grandkids, will always be our most meaningful success (I know we repeat this every year). Jacque is most resilient and radiant with their churning, squawking, and kicking up dust to help satisfy their curiosity that must never be tempered.

Payton, Henry, Arra, Beatrice, and Tucker are risky rewards. Their great-grandfather who fished three times a day during the depression has said that "you can't catch a perch on a rainy day if the boat is in the barn." We will all go out if our kids need to be "fed."

And the season ahead is uncertain. The barn is not finished, the farm work is never done, but the road to our farm is open. We will greet you with the warmth and security that you treasure and deserve.

This is what we hope happens. A week or so behind last year but with a good peach crop.

SUMMER & FALL 2020

HARVEST SCHEDULE

JUNE 22 First Cherries JULY 1 Sour Cherries

JULY 17-22

JULY 22-27 First Peaches (cling stone)

Red Raspberries

JULY 17 First Apples (Lodi)

AUG. 12 Zestar Apples AUG. 17-27

Red Haven Peaches SEPT. 1-6 First White Peaches

and Nectarines

SEPT. 7 First Cider SEPT. 9-OCT.7 Plums

SEPT. 17 - NOV. 25 Pears

SEPT.12-20 First Gala & Honeycrisp PICK YOUR OWN

OCT. 18 Pumpkins OCT. 22-25 Cameo & Fuji

NOV. 6 Pink Lady, Goldrush & Evercrisp

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for SUMMER & FALL (We're optimistic*)

Peaches & Cream AUG. 8 Ice Cream Social

Barnraising Family Picnic Ticketed Event **SEPT. 12**

OCT. 10-11 Antique Tractor Show

OCT. 19-20 Apple Peak Fall Gathering

Holidays at the Homestead **NOV. 14** Ticketed Farent

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(Additional efforts in place for safety & spacing)

CHERRIES **JULY 6-30**

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