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Prices available
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Categories: • Meats, Eggs/Poultry, Fish, Specialty Meats & Dairy

Growing Method: Grass-only Beef, Lamb, Goat. Pastured Pork and Chicken

Availability:

Heritage Breeds — Red Poll Cattle (See www.redpollusa.org), Irish Dexter Cattle, Murray Grey Cattle, St. Croix Hair Sheep (See www.stcroixsheep.org), Myotonic Meat Goats (See www.myotonicgoatregistry.org), and Red Wattle Hogs. (See www.albc-usa.org)

No Grain Fed to Our Cattle, Sheep, or Goats — They eat grass, other forage like hay or alfalfa pellets, drink clean water, have free access to salt, kelp, and DE mix, and receive all the TLC we can provide. Our term for our ruminant feeding program is "grass only" as our ruminants receive only grass and forages in their diets. Our hogs and chickens receive a grain ration as part of their diet because they are omnivores and, unlike our ruminant herbivores, they require grain to maintain optimal health. All of our hogs and chickens are pastured.

Pastured Pork — Our hogs are pastured on soil and grass where they can root around, wallow in the mud, and compliment their grain based diet as they see fit with grass, roots, bugs, and worms. This is just as swine were intended to be raised, not confined to concrete.

No Administered Hormones — All animals will have some level of hormones due to the natural hormones produced by the animals body. However, none of our animals receive any injected or otherwise administered hormones from us.

No Subtherapeutic Antibiotics — As of 2004, our animals receive an antibiotic dose *only* if and when they are ill. Because of our non-certified organic practices and grass fed feeding program, our animals rarely become ill, but when one does we must humanely care for the animal. If an animal that we are trying to sell has been injected with antibiotics in its life we will inform the consumer and discount the meat.

No Chemical Dewormers — We use non-certified organic approaches such as pasture rotation and other methods for fly and parasite control.

Non-certified Organic, Family Farm — Family farms care about their animals, the environment, and the local economy. More of your money will stay local.

Processed Locally by Family-Owned, Low-Volume Processors — Again helping out the local economy by bringing business to local butchers — and the attention to producing healthy, clean meat is taken from the farm to your table.

Other products available: • AmSoil Synthetic Oils • Altrium Herb Supplements
• Shaklee Home Care • Local Honey