

## Southwood Farm July 2009 Newsletter

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**Farm Inc.**, (a documentary that is critical of industrial food production and supports grass based organic community farms) is playing in New York.



### **Animal Produce**

50 broiler chicks, and 25 egg-laying Rhode Island Reds and Arcunas, and 25 Peking ducks arrived from the hatchery.



They are growing in the Carriage House coups. In several weeks when they can brave the outdoors, the chickens will venture to a fenced in field with access to their home in the Carriage House chicken coup. When they can hold their own, they will be moved in with the mature egg layers in the coup de ville, the portable chicken coup. They will free range in the fields, following the horses, composting their manure and eating vegetation.



When the ducks are old enough to brave the outdoors, they will be moved to a fenced in portion of our wetlands.

We are still waiting for the turkey chicks!

The 8 heritage pigs are getting fat in their portion of the goats winter quarters. They have rooted up much of the vegetation in their ½ acre fenced in area. Next week we will move the fences and give them new vegetation to devour and spoilage from the garden.

The 30 head goat herd has devoured much of the vegetation in their summer quarters, clearing a steep slope of poison ivy and locust trees. We will move the fences soon to a fresh area for them to feast. Three new kids were born in June.

## Garden and Hay



We have hayed 5 fields and have one left that I cut this weekend. The wet weather has made this challenging. See photo of baler with kicker and hay wagon in tow.



The garden escaped going under water with the rainy weather because it has great drainage on the hill.



Broccoli is up, lots of lettuce, zucchini, red cabbage... beans and onions are coming soon. Corn and potatoes still growing.

Operating a small farm has few material rewards, so we go for the aesthetic and ideological. We are putting Michael Pollan's ideas in his book "Omnivore's Dilemma" into practice and offering an alternative to the industrial produce available at the local super market.

More on this on our web site <http://www.southwoodfarm.com>



In order for small organic farms like ours to compete with industrial agriculture we need your support:

1/2 share \$250

Full share \$450

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Many thanks for your support..... Hart Perry