



The Farm Stand is Open Daily 8am – 6pm

Here's what's available this week:

- ✓ **BEEF**
Ground beef
- ✓ **PORK**
Mild Italian Sausages, Bratwurst Sausages, Pork Chops, Butt Chops, Smoked Ham Steaks
- ✓ **LAMB**
Rosemary Bratwurst Sausages
- ✓ **PRESERVES**
Herbs de TAG Blend, Carrying Place Spice Rub, Chili Flakes, Roasted Garlic, Cayenne Powder, Chili Powder, Sweet Paprika Powder, salsa, ketchup, chutneys, jams/butters, marmalades, chili sauce, relish, Herbal Teas, and more
- ✓ **FERMENTS**
Hot Pepper Paste, Sweet Pepper Salsa, Garlic Dilly Beans, Garlic-Stuffed Jalapenos, various Krauts
- ✓ **VEGGIES**
Salad mix, arugula, kale, asparagus, sweet potatoes, microgreens, radishes, sorrel, mint, lovage, parsley
- ✓ **EGGS**
- ✓ **BODY CARE PRODUCTS**
Face cream, Hand cream, Foot cream and Body cream from Down to Earth Nutrition & Wellness

What goes around, stays around ...

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It's Always Something!

This week we were excited to *finally* put our outdoor grain bin into service. We bought a grain wagon several years ago, and then had the bin removed from the wheel base, so it could be permanently installed behind our granary. The first step was to pour a cement pad to sit the whole assembly on. The idea was to have the bin on a raised platform outside, with chutes coming through the wall into the granary. It took some time to work out the design, and then find someone to fabricate the platform, and divide the grain bin into two compartments – one for peas and one for corn. That way we could eliminate all of the metal drums inside the building, keep the area cleaner, and make better use of the space.

Well, our first issue was with the design of the chutes. They were angled such that we anticipated the grain would fly out the chute and right across the room. There wasn't a sufficient downward angle to ensure the grain went into the bucket when the chute was opened – we should have paid more attention in high school physics. We fixed that. The next issue was how to get the grain into the bin. We thought we were going to be able to use an auger, but the height of the platform meant that the auger needed to be *incredibly* long – we should have paid more attention in high school geometry. Unfortunately there was no fix for that, so we got a group together to run a bucket brigade – Lori emptied the bags into buckets, Annika, Bianca and Lana passed the buckets along and eventually up the ladder to Lorraine, who dumped them into the bin. Once we had transferred all the corn into the bin, it was the moment of truth: drum roll please ... we put a bucket under the chute, opened it up, and NOTHING CAME OUT!!!! Seems there was yet another design flaw with the chutes. The chutes were threaded on the inside of the collar, rather than the outside, meaning the diameter of the chute decreased as it ran out of the bin. And that resulted in the corn jamming inside the chute. Turns out water can flow through a decreasing diameter tube, but grain, not so much – we should have gone to that lecture on grain size and flow dynamics (*yawn*)! Now we have to fix the chutes so that they increase rather than decrease in diameter. But that's a job for another day.

This whole episode reminds me of something comedic genius Gilda Radner said in character on SNL many, many years ago: *"It's like my father always said to me, he said to me, he said, Roseanne Roseanadana, it's always something. If it isn't one thing, it's another! It's always something!"* Ain't that the truth!!!