

# July 2021 Newsletter

Dear Members,

Warm, summer greetings sent to you in the Name of God our creator who made things so well, especially with His Son Jesus who gave up his life so we can have everlasting life, if we only trust and believe in Him.

We are also ever so grateful for you as members for your support that you have given us in the past. The month of June was ever so fruitful and yet quite challenging for us here at the farm. Let me first explain to you what I mean by fruitful. The reason is God has been ever so gracious and supplied us with an abundance of sunshine and yet so many days with just the right amount of rainfall that we need so our animals can thrive on the delicious green grass & herbs that are out on our pastures. This allows us to stock up and fulfill your needs of nutrient-dense foods. My heart goes out to the West Coast and also maybe some other areas in the Midwest where there has been a small amount of rain, therefore not sustaining their needs for growing the vegetables, etc. according to some of the news articles that some of our members have sent to us. We pray and hope that God has given them some relief by now.

May I now explain to you what we mean by a challenging month. Yes, indeed it was a challenging month as you may have read in our June newsletter that USDA has detained 3,000 lbs. of meat and also now since arrested that meat on June 24. We are not sure if they will allow us to distribute to you as members yet or if it will get destroyed. Time will tell. We will keep you posted on this. USDA had us in court on June 16, and some of our members also attended the hearing which was helpful for us and many of you as members had sent us notes beforehand that you were not able to attend but would be remembering us in prayer and would be there with us in spirit, which we were grateful for as well.

In court, our members have expressed themselves to Judge Smith on how important our farm is to fulfill their needs and for their wellbeing and overall health. One of the members explained to Judge Smith that when he was a boy growing up, he was eating government approved foods and he got quite unhealthy. Then he found out about the importance of eating grass-fed raw meat. So, he started to get good quality grass-fed meats from our farm and fermenting it and his overall health improved drastically. And, yes, this comment was made after Judge Smith made the ruling that Miller's Organic Farm should be held in contempt of court. But the above comment that was made plus the other members comments that were brought forward could have some value when Judge Smith makes the final ruling in a few weeks. He has given the USDA the option to come up with an amount of fines that they think would be appropriate for the farm because we have not applied for their license to process meat at the farm. We have just received the documents that USDA would like to impose the farm with and the total that they are coming up with is a \$250,000 fine. Yes, that is right. You have read it correctly - \$250,000. Plus their attorney fees and travel time miles, etc. amounting to approx.. \$14,000, according to the documents that they have sent to our legal team. Our legal team is aggressively working to have that number lowered. Yes, that is the thing that we as a farm are having to deal with to stand strong to fulfill your need to supply you with citric acid free meats.

Belmont Meats, which is a local USDA licensed facility, was packed full with their schedule for a few weeks for beef and pork and their schedule is completely full to process any of our chickens, etc. We also just found out recently that they can no longer use our natural citric acid, for various reasons, which

we had provided for them to avoid the manufactured citric acid, which many meat processors might be using.

So, the question remains – how important are farmers? As of today, many farmers in our area have sold their animals in the past 6 months and discontinued farming because of the monopolized food system and also because of the rules and regulations that are written up, put in place and being enforced. This could cause a meat and food shortage sooner than one might ever expect. According to what we have been hearing, the meat price has doubled recently in the store. That is a sign that the demand is higher than it can be supplied. Keeping food on the shelves will not be helped with the drought on the West Coast and other parts of this country. In the wintertime, the East Coast is quite dependent on vegetables, etc. from the West Coast. Only God knows what may happen.

The other thing that might concern us the most is inflation. Our country depends a lot on imported foods such as vegetables, some meats, etc. as well. If the American dollar continues to get weak, this could discourage any country from doing any trading. Yes, the saying goes we export a lot of foods, such as corn, wheat, soybeans, etc. as well, but very little of this is ready to eat foods. We are extremely short in processing plants that can turn dairy, meats, and grains into edible foods. So, are farms like our needed or not? So, your guess could be as good as mine. So, if USDA continues their mission to intrude in private membership associations and other organizations that supply clean nutrient-dense foods, including small farms, etc., our country could experience a food shortage quicker than one might think. I am sure the lawmakers, judges, & government agencies do not want to be blamed if this occurs. We hope and pray that their agenda could change before it's too late. Please contact USDA Investigator Paul Flanagan by email ([paul.flanagan@usda.gov](mailto:paul.flanagan@usda.gov)) or phone (215-430-6209) and Enforcement Agency Scott Safian by email ([scott.safian@usda.gov](mailto:scott.safian@usda.gov)) or phone (202-418-8921) and let them know how important citric acid free meats and nutrient-dense foods are to you and to encourage them to drop the fines immediately against Miller's Organic Farm. We need to keep nourishing our little children and they should not continue to put farmers out of business, which will lead our country into food shortages and possibly starvation. Also, if at all possible, please contact your US Senator, Representative and Congressmen with this matter as well. The saying continues – No Farmers, No Food.

**Free gift for July** is one (1) lb. of cow butter with a \$100 purchase of food. (Please specify salted or no salt, cultured or uncultured). (Must mention to receive.)

Truly yours,

Miller's Organic Farm

P.S. According to the USDA documents that they sent us, they want to stop us from processing any meats (except for Buffalo, which they do not regulate) for 60 days till we have our existing meat inventory all sold. Please let them know that this will not work for you, especially if you are a fresh not frozen raw meat consumer. Neither will it work for us here at the farm because right now we have a good qualified staff of meat cutters that believe in good quality meats and cleaning skills. If we discontinue meat processing for 60 days, our staff would be forced to look for another occupation which very likely we would not be able to bring them back again. This would not be good for the farm or the members. Please contact the above agency ASAP, as well as your U.S. Representative, etc.