

Farm Visiting Guidelines

Our farm is a blessing to us and many, therefore, we love sharing what we do here with our customers. This includes looking at our animals and watching them as they live out a happy, healthy lifestyle here at FPF.

Children have few opportunities to visit a real working farm and have an up-close and personal encounter like this. We understand it gives parents a real opportunity to allow their children to witness and explore, explaining to them where their food comes from, while soaking in fresh air and enjoying open spaces.

We welcome these opportunities for you and just ask you to please follow a few guidelines while here:

- Brooder huts (chick nurseries) are the gray-tarp covered hoop structures just to the west of our building. If the windows are closed, please understand this means we are maintaining a warm environment for our baby chicks. Please keep doors and windows closed during this time. Once it's warm and/or the chicks are mature enough, we open the windows, allowing everyone to peek inside (small children will need a lift from an adult).
- 'Inside voices' are needed while around all of our livestock. Even mature chickens, pigs, and turkeys are easily frightened or stressed by loud noises and voices. Please help us keep a stress-free environment by keeping quiet and also no sudden movements or jumping around the animals.
- ALL fences should be treated as on and electrified. Perhaps they are not all on, however, even we operate around here as if they are. Better to be safe than shocked! The fences will not cause injury, however, they will shock and can be very scary!
- Piggies are fun to watch from OUTSIDE their fence. Please do not go inside the fences with them. They can grow quite large and run around very quickly.
- Roosters can be aggressive! While visiting the eggmobile, please keep an eye out for our roosters. We like having them around to help keep predators under control and our hens safe. However, they can view adults and children as a threat.
- Our Great Pyrenees dogs (Lucy & Osa) are friendly to adults and children, however, they do not realize how big they are! These girls are working dogs and travel with our hens to protect them from predators. You may pet them; just keep in mind they like to **'love on' people and are big dogs!**
- Egg-gathering is exclusively for our staff. As much fun as it is, please do not gather them. If you go inside our eggmobile, children can see the eggs in the nest boxes. However, please leave them there. We carefully gather eggs each evening (no, not in the morning like most think!).
- Produce gardens should be treated as planted and not to be walked through. Even if you don't see any plants growing, it could be an area was just seeded. You're welcome to walk around the gardens and see what's growing.
- Pets are welcome to come with you to the farm, however, **they must remain in your vehicle at all times.** Our laying hens are free-range and prime targets for

dogs who like to see them run and fly. This stresses them and could result in an accident none of us wish to see.

- *"Can we have a tour?"* We are happy to walk along with you, however, as a family-run operation, many times we do not have the staff available to give a guided tour. If one of us is available, we are happy to do so. By following the guidelines above, you will have an enjoyable, self-guided tour of FPF. Feel free to stop in the farm-store and ask all of your questions. We are more than happy to answer them and share what we do here. Thank you for understanding!
- We have a walking trail through our woods just north of our building. You're welcome to walk there and enjoy some peacefulness. It dead-ends, so you can come back the way you walked in without a worry of getting lost. We find it a relaxing walk through God's creation.