



## Farm News from April

Exciting news if you're the farmer who lives on this farm. We have a new building going up! The 30' x 48' shed will be dedicated to mixing feed for our pigs. It is the first major construction project since we built our house in the mid-eighties.



attention. He's already learned to come when he's called: "Galileo Galileo Figaro. Magnifico, co, co, co.....".

It can be a lonely life, if you're a duck. There are 6 ducks on the farm: five that I received as a Christmas present and one remaining from last spring, a white Muscovy. That one duck is my favorite farm animal. You would think that all 6 ducks would get along well since they are all ducks but unfortunately that is not the case. The white one, Muscovy, is not accepted in the other duck group. The chickens are OK with her but not the ducks. The five ducks have a little duck pond right behind the chicken coop. Muscovy has her own pond but it's around 100 meters down the driveway, a long way for a duck. They walk really slow.

It's not all sad news for Muscovy, she has a partner, kind of. Mallard has been floating, motionless in the pond since last fall when I found him on sale at a sporting goods store. He's good looking and can be incredibly boring, to some.



I attended a lecture by Sally Fallon of the [Weston A. Price Foundation](#) regarding the nutritious properties of some meats. I was especially interested in the enriched qualities of organic pastured pork. Since then I have been adding "pasture" to our pork by enhancing their diet with a mixture of alfalfa, clovers and grasses mixed in with their diet of wheat, peas, oats and flax. It's like having salad with your pasta. It might be considered "pig food" but the organic mix is probably more nutritious than most foods from the grocery store.

Our new dog "Galileo" has quickly won the hearts of all those he meets. The little guy spends his days on his outdoor couch, eagerly awaiting any form of

