



Farm News from August

Well the haying woes continue. The weather has been almost perfect for making lousy hay. Nice drying breezes with sunshine will get the hay swaths almost ready for baling. Almost. Then comes the rain (or breakdowns). The real problems will happen in the winter when we have to feed those bales (if we ever get them made). Poor nutrition means poor health. Not good if you are a pregnant cow. More challenges ahead.

I'm not the only depressed farmer. The rains have affected everyone. The forecasts can change from "sunny and dry" which gets all our hopes up to "chance of a shower" which makes us cross our fingers to "rain". We have pretty much given up on long range predictions and instead placed our remaining trust in the hourly forecasts.

There is however a cure for the depression of listening to the rain on the roof.



Kittens!

The ad at the grocery store said "kittens to give away".

Our last cat "Ghost" had disappeared a couple months before. A

catless house is never a good thing unless you are a mouse. The kittens have been non-stop distractions.

A few months ago I wrote about "Ghost", the cat we never knew we had. A rescue cat, she stayed hidden for weeks. And she just did it again! After disappearing for two months she has reappeared. Now we have 4 cats.

Those honey bees we kept on the porch? Few visitors even realized we even kept honey bees. They were just outside the dining room door. The bees never came in the house even though we would leave the door open for hours.

What was super cool was the method of extracting the honey.

Just insert some plastic

tubes, turn a valve and out flowed the honey! The picture shows a couple 750 ml. jars. The one hive on the deck filled eleven jars! When it comes to local, there is nothing served at our table that can compare.

