

## Farm News from October

Figaro, our five-year-old Pyrenees keeps a watchful eye over the activities on the farm. Chicken dinner is not on the menu for our local coyotes.



They say "all good things must come to an end" which is especially true if you are a turkey nearing Thanksgiving but family farms? Alberta's "On Farm Slaughter Program" allows producers to custom process poultry and red meat if it is pre-sold. The government inspector was impressed with our facility but there was one thing that had to change: according to the regulations we are not allowed to have a roof. (?) When the big day came, we had to remove the roof. For a while they even wanted the lights removed. (??) Which direction is food production going?



The only good thing about having your kids living on the opposite side of the country is visiting them. That's been the plan for months.

The timing was perfect; the fall colours were spectacular! There



was only one thing got in the way: Covid. Not a good time to be visiting but still a good time to be touring the bright colours of the Maritimes. Next month: polar bears.

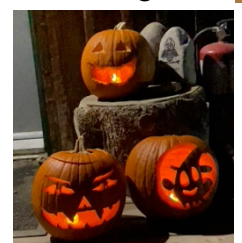


The drought has dried up supplies of straw and farmers are scrambling to find feed for their cows. Our pigs use around 30 tonnes of straw per year for bedding.



New neighbours: Not the kind we like but Paramount Resources have decided they need to directionally drill and take the gas which is buried 4 kilometers below our farm.

Halloween in the country is a good excuse to visit all the local neighbours. Those country homes are also really generous with the treats they pass out. Fun times for all!



Jerry