

Farm News from September

Pigs can be very destructive, especially when they are searching for the very last morsel of food in their feed troughs. We were looking for something we could use to line the bottoms when we discovered a sign shop that had a tough plastic called Lexan they used for signs. "It's worth about \$700 a sheet but we just throw



it out." "I'll take it!" I replied enthusiastically. Little did I expect the volume of signs would be

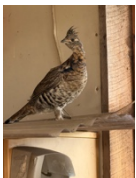
far beyond our needs.

We lined the bottom of the pig troughs but what to do with all the rest? I had an idea. We needed a garage to keep the snow off our car. Siding? Roofing? Perfect! Although plastic is a big



problem for the world, it was a solution for us. This shop should be functional for a few centuries!

Lots of wildlife this past month. The bears thought they had found an 'all you can eat' buffet and ripped open some feed bags. The electric fence changed their minds. This Ruffed Grouse settled into our workshop even though the open door to freedom was 14 feet wide.



After spending all summer together on the pond, this pair of swans look like they are taking a break from speaking terms.

What appears to be a pile of scrap wood is actually a forge that was salvaged from an old homestead not too far from here. Its age is unknown but the builder had little money and used what he could find: old nails, tin cans and pieces of lumber too small for this project. The forge was probably used to make horseshoes which the horses needed for field work.



They say "a day without onions is a day without cooking". We've been doing a lot of cooking recently; the fall harvest of vegetables is overwhelming. This photo shows only half the onions. Before that the same building was full of garlic. Then there's the kale, the squash, carrots and potatoes still to be harvested. We estimate that this farm produces around 3500 servings of food per week: meat, vegetables, micro-greens and eggs. Nutritious, sustainable and organic too! *Jerry*

