



Psalm 104:14

*You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate,
that he may bring forth food from the earth.*



So much more than livestock...

The Doe Barn



BEFORE



AFTER

This was one of the original barns on the farm that we chose for our does. Originally this was used to feed the cattle for a small Angus beef operation.

There was lots of work to be done before we could safely bring the goats to live here. We needed to convert all the buildings to accommodate the livestock, including service for water and electric.

As you can see, we have completed a lot of work to the barn. There is always work that needs to be done and we do it as time allows.

The small red hutch in the foreground houses our pet rabbits when they have litters.

My Milking Parlor



This was our original barn we built back in 1996 when we purchased our first two goats in NJ. I knew we would eventually need a bigger, "real" barn and that I would convert this into a functioning small-scale milking parlor.

This is the view as you open the parlor door. The room serves as milking facility and infirmary for medical exams, administration of veterinary services, and hoof trimming.

On the cabinet, we have everything needed to make milking time more pleasurable: a tape player for music, a cookie jar, a fan for keeping cool, a microwave for baby bottles & coffee, and a dish rack to dry all milk utensils.



Photo **A** shows the little milk stand. It is a converted weight bench. We feed the does while we milk. I place a towel on the bench to prevent slipping and it easily removes for cleaning from dirty little hoofs. A padded piano stool serves as a milking stool.

Photo **B** shows a working sink equipped with both hot and cold running water. We also have a supply of commonly used meds on hand.



The Large Doe Pasture

This is a view of the pasture looking straight out from the side of the barn. The door is a large garage door that opens side to side. This pasture slopes down to the pond, but is fenced so the goats do not have access to the pond.



This is a view of the pasture looking out from the side to the left.

The Buck Barn



BEFORE

This is the original barn we chose for our bucks when we purchased the farm in November 2001. It is the only remaining tobacco barn on the property from the early days of raising tobacco on the property.

This barn was once used to shelter cattle. Much work was done inside and out, before we could safely bring the bucks to live here.



AFTER

Prior to moving the goats, fencing and brush hogging needed to be done to clear and maintain the pasture. Old siding needed to be removed and permanent siding put in its place.

Our senior Bucks are housed in this pasture area.



The Buckling Pasture Area

The buckling pasture is entered from the side of the barn and wraps around towards the front, bordering the large acreage pasture.

The bucklings have an area about 100' x 100' to run in. Generally, there are no more than 3 bucklings in this area.

Livestock Guardian Dogs



Lydia is seen here, watching over the senior bucks.

We use the services of LGDs in all pastures to protect the livestock from natural predators, such as; coyote, racoon, bobcat, and feral dogs.

The Mini-Equine Area



Our Miniature Sicilian Donkey and mini-horse enjoy a two-acre pasture in which to romp around in. During severe weather we move them into the buck area where they are sheltered.



Gentle, sweet natured, and easy keepers; these minis add much to our lives here.

Our mini-horse is used to provide "pony" rides to our younger guests.

The Poultry Area



Before

Here is the original 9 bay structure we chose for the poultry facility. It was originally used as an equipment shed.



Pre-fire

This was the main poultry facility for incubation and brooding. More work was planned for the building, but a fire destroyed it in May 2003.



Post-fire

We re-built the poultry area after the fire and it now contains many heritage breeds of poultry