



A Look Into the Lives of Berggren Farm's Livestock

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There is no state that compares to the tranquility of Berggren Farm. The quiet winds that rustles the plants' leaves, the soft calls from the baby goats and the distant sound of the churning river cannot be found elsewhere. Upon greeting the workers, who shine with happiness at their fulfilling jobs, I found myself immediately in awe with the simplicity of the farm. Towards the East stands a quaint house and in the opposite direction a large greenhouse full of vivid fruits and vegetables. Across from the greenhouse are the goat and rabbit homes. The rabbits munch happily on the fresh vegetables from the greenhouse for their meals, while the goats are provided with milk (for the babies) and greenhouse vegetables, which they daringly fight over. The goats are incredibly friendly and loving. They remind me of dogs-their personalities strong and active. Although they will become a human meal at some point, they clearly live happy and fulfilling lives at Berggren Farm. Never injected with hormones or antibiotics and with the access to plentiful fresh air, sun and pasture, they couldn't be more humanely raised.

Behind the home is a chicken coop, currently full of 2-week-old chicks. During my first visit to the farm, the chicks were tiny and about two of them could fit into the palm of my hand. Two weeks later during my second visit to the farm, the chicks were twice in size. They're called a "fast growing bird" for a reason. In the coop, they rest under a warm lamp. Once they reach an old enough age, they have access to the outdoors to cluck around in the clean air. They are then transported to a larger outdoor area near the greenhouse. The fresh chicken eggs are sold and the chickens are butchered, processed and sold for meat. To learn more about where the meat and protein can be bought, visit: <http://berggrendemonstrationfarm.wordpress.com/the-farm/>

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A new batch of rabbits feast on fresh produce from the greenhouse.

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Baby chicks that arrived one day prior to these photos.

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A curious young goat spends time in the goat barn.

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This adorable goat yearns for attention.

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Farmer Angela holds two loving baby goats.

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Chicks rest under a hot lamp.

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A glimpse at next week's post: Berggren Farm's produce.

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