



Ashton Glen Farm

Organic Grassfed Angus Natural Yorkshire Pork

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We start market this **Saturday July 25** at the **Main Street Farmers Market** on the grounds of St Paul University on Main Street. We will have individual



cuts of beef and pork for sale as usual. We are still not certain as to whether we will be at Lansdowne this summer. With on farm sales of sides and quarters doing so well, and the Main Street Market, we could exhaust our supply before getting there. We apologize for any inconvenience we might cause by this. If you have not been to the Main Street market I encourage you to give it a try. There are a

number of vendors there who are also at the other market, and the park like setting and intimacy of the location make it an excellent shopping experience.

Time certainly has flown by. The calving season has gone very well. The first calf came on the 27th of May and the last one July 9th. Rosie has yet to deliver her calf, but we are expecting that to happen any day. She is a cow who always has had her own schedule. The cow known as "14" had twins ! This is a rare event statistically, but a cow who has had twins before, is more likely to have twins again. This cow in fact has delivered 5 calves in the last 3 years (twins 2 years ago, a single calf last year and twins again this year). All is well with mother and her young.



The weather pattern over our region, as you are well aware, is similar to last years, with Ottawa being right on the jet stream rather than well below it bringing wetter weather and cooler temperatures. The pastures are certainly growing well, as are Diane's gardens, although we are having trouble getting the hay off again. The pigs also very much enjoy this weather and the mud that it brings.



As far as produce is concerned, the June pork is long gone and the September pork is now sold out. We are expecting to have a batch of pork ready for December again this year if you are interested. We also are offering quarters and sides of beef this year for October. The beef is moving quite briskly as we are about 65% sold at this point. If you are interested you can get more information at www.ashtonglenfarm.ca

Ashton Glen Farm has new employees !....a group of skunks. Our practice has been to rotate the cattle through 21 pastures to ensure that each day the cows get clean grass and the parasites in the old manure have died off. This year a family of skunks are going to each pasture after the cattle leave and are eating the bugs and larvae from the manure. This has several benefits. It further reduces the parasite load, (conventional farms will regularly "drench" the backs of cattle with a parasiticide). The skunks also break up the cow pie allowing the nutrients to recycle into the earth faster. It's probably more accurate to say that the skunks have employed Ashton Glen Farm rather than the other way around.



We look forward to seeing you at the Main Street Market....Dave, Diane, Jamie and Danielle Smith