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# BAYFIELD FOODS CSA

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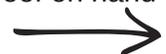
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## Reflections on 2020

This past year has, oddly, been a great gift for our family and farm. We decided to deal with the challenges and wholeheartedly embrace the opportunities. 2020 was a year for a different pace, reflection and great opportunities to tackle items we often talk about doing but can never quite find the time to make them happen. Yes, we have had to make adjustments like everyone and yes, we even lost a special family member due to COVID, yet this year has challenged us to really look at all the things we are grateful for - most especially running a small family farm while raising five children.

At one point this spring, we fostered six baby puppies and their mom. We ended up adopting two of them. We had some incredibly cute baby calves that became pets. We had 25 baby chickens and to top it off, we had a "human baby" (as our four year old says), baby number five, a girl, in May. We were bombarded with cuteness and all these babies helped the time fly as we were all very busy, happily caring for each of them. We had a nice number of people contact us looking for meat when grocery store prices went through the roof and the availability of beef was limited. We were grateful we had some beef on hand to offer those in need. We are even more grateful to each and every one of you,



our loyal Bayfield Foods customers, who have supported our Cooperative through the years to ensure our family farm was viable and able to share our beef during this mini beef shortage. THANK YOU for buying from Bayfield Foods and supporting our Cooperative!!

The main beef herd has been great this year. I had my lowest mortality rate that I have ever had. This was partially due to the great weather this spring but also because I was "sheltering in place" so simply around more. I have never seen as much grass in my pastures as I saw in August. We had lots of heat and rain. This combination led to grass growth at a rate the cows could not keep up with, which led to me making more bales for storage. This is a great blessing then, to have extra hay for when we get our next drought. As you can see in my cattle picture from a few weeks ago, I am still able to move the cattle quite easily with the minimal snow we have received. Last year at this time, I was fighting deep snow and the cattle were eating more as they were using more energy to get to their feed.

This year has presented us with even more opportunity than usual to appreciate Mother Nature. As you can see in the picture of us ice skating, we are still having fun with opportunities that normally would not be present or that we would not have time for. Remember to look back at 2020 and see the challenges you faced but also remember to look at the opportunities that were presented. Make 2021 a year to resurrect the old traditions but also carry on the new ones!!

From your farm family of Moonlight Meadows, we are grateful for your continued support of Bayfield Foods!!

-Tim & the  
Mika Family



2020 at Moonlight Meadows:  
(top - bottom):  
1. The littlest member of the Mika crew is ready to take a bite of steak!  
2. Moonlight Meadows cattle waiting for breakfast.  
3. Family ice skating on the pond.

Happy:  
new:  
year!