

Happy New Year, Y'all!

2022 has been a wonderful crazy ride of growth, hard work, and being absolutely blessed by the support of our growing yak-loving community!

Our early 2022 was spent halter training and delivering calves, fencing in a new parcel of pasture, and building our new farm store which opened up in May. This summer was our first season having regular open hours for our farm store and public tours. Nearly 2,000 folks came through on tours and we hosted multiple schools and educational groups on field trips which were so fun! We were able to host private events for nonprofits and business as well as our first wedding in early summer (more exciting news on that coming!) We became Harvest Hosts in August which allowed us to connect with folks from near and far and become a part of their travel stories. This was also the first year taking the sustainability step of growing and harvesting our own hay.

Yak Fest 2022 was a grand old time with many old friends as well as a few new friends and elements! We added a hayground playground for the kiddos, a children's station which was team run with our fantastic local Child and Family Services crew, and the pumpkin patch and pumpkin bowling were going strong! We were able to collaborate with World Heritage Yak Conservancy president Nicole Geijer Porter, Phd and feature her as a guest speaker and yak cheese vendor. Nearly 2,000 of you yet again blew us away with your support and shared excitement and wonder for our yaks and the experience surrounding them.

We extended our open season into December and were able to share winter with the yaks on four Saturdays of "Christmas at the Ranch" where we ran the wagons out into the pasture to our yaks who were happy to get their christmas cookies. We had one of our pastures open for sledding, hot cocoa available, and the store open for chatting and Christmas shopping.

We have loved getting to meet so many new people from both across the road and far out of state; you all just warm our hearts! We have some big plans coming up for next season and many years to come.

We are currently working with zoning and making preparations on the property to open up availability as a venue for weddings, private parties, and even day retreats at the yak ranch. We anticipate having our barn interior and higher capacity restrooms finished in time for early summer/late spring events, so send us your inquiries!

We are beginning a waiting list for 2023 calves, so get in touch soon if you're starting to consider starting your own herd in the next couple years!

We continue to learn just how wonderful our yaks are and enjoy sharing the yak experience with our community and helping others start their own yak adventure.

Thank you for your interest, involvement, and support!

- The Priest Family