Exciting News about All the Farm Equipment



Last Fall, we shared with you that our legacy hay roller, a used New Holland unit that we acquired a number of years ago, stopped functioning completely (belts will no longer move). We had been nursing this unit along for years, with increasing levels of maintenance and adjustment to force it to work just a little longer. Continuing to invest in a machine that was past the end of its service life and lacking local service options did not seem practical, so we took a big plunge and replaced the unit with a new Vermeer Hay Roller. While we placed a significant down payment, we took out a no-interest loan for the balance of the $28,100 purchase price.

Since that time, and due to the generosity of so many of you who sent donations specifically to our Farm Support Fund, **we have fully retired the loan for this equipment in early March, 2021** … just 7 months following the emergency purchase! And this, during the depths of the COVID crisis period! We simply cannot sufficiently thank you for the gift you have given us. The new unit is a delight to operate, and functions flawlessly … something we had never before experienced.



Now….further fantastic news! **A Settlement supporter family made the decision to fully fund the purchase of the Post Driver with Rock Spear** that we had identified as essential for fencing during the next phase of our USDA collaboration transforming our main-campus pastures and hay fields. The Post Driver was delivered, safely unloaded, and test-mounted on our tractor by the end of the day, April 6th. This was a huge gift that enabled us to channel the donations of other supporters toward the final piece of needed equipment … a Hay Tedder or Fluffer. This piece of equipment has also been funded by our generous donors and arrived on Friday, April 9th, from London, KY."



God has miraculously provided the resources to fund and purchase all 3 within less than a single year! And guess what, the donations total was within a few hundred dollars of exactly the amount needed for the purchases. We do not believe that this was a coincidence. We are extremely thankful to now be able to focus on the transformation of our entire operation to rotational grazing practices. Please come visit soon to see the work in progress on Phase II of the plan, and the continuously improving condition of our Phase I fields and pastures!