

MILLWOOD MARKET NEWS



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VENDOR SPOTLIGHT

NEILSON FAMILY FARM

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CHRIS NEILSON

1. What do you like about the new location?

Having grown up going to West Valley High School, Millwood is close to our hearts. We played in Millwood park as children. Now to be able to attend the farmers market and supply the Millwood community with produce is an honor.

2. What is your favorite vegetable to grow?

It's hard to beat fresh carrots from the garden, sweet and delicious. Many crops are near and dear to us, including our baby lettuces, baby potatoes, as well as Celery! Store bought Celery just does not compare to locally grown celery.

3. Tell us about your new greenhouse project:

We are super excited about our new greenhouse, it will be a major season extension for this year, and for our future. It is 20' Wide and 80' Long, and will be fully equipped with dripline irrigation. It should enable us to grow February - December, which is pretty nice for the Spokane area!

4. How do you keep your chickens happy?

We have kept chickens for many years now, with a large spacious coup, and 5 acres of land to free range, they are truly happy chickens. During the spring/summer/fall months, they are nearly 100% free range, and do not require any feed, just what nature supplies! In the winter months we supply them with heated watering dishes, and locally sourced Non-GMO grains, as well as heat lamps when needed! We have many breeds of chickens, that lay white, green, blue, and many shades of brown eggs. Our flock is currently around 80 chickens, which are doubling this year to keep everyone supplied with eggs!



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MARCH UPDATES

- Farmers Market 2021 starts on May 26th – be on the lookout for our billboards!
- Always looking for Market Volunteers! – Applications available online
- For those interested in growing some of their own produce, registration for raised bed plots is now open.
- <https://www.pumpkinpatchgarden.net/>

NIELSON FAMILY FARM LIFESTOCK GUARDIAN DOG

Our Newest addition to the farm is our Livestock Guardian Dog Neo who is a Maremma Sheepdog. He keeps our Chickens, Ducks, and Geese safe, and is the sweetest giant ever. We hope that he will keep the Deer at bay so we can continue to expand our produce capabilities without the need for Deer fencing. Ideally we can use more or all of our acreage for some larger crops, such as Pumpkins and Corn!

