

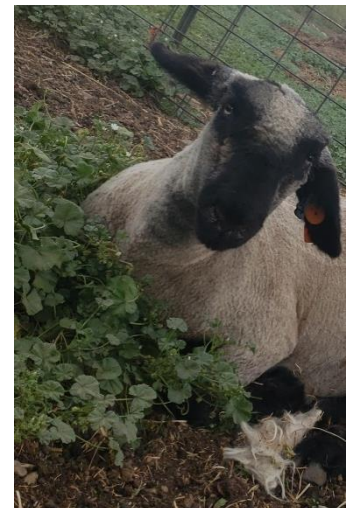
A MAGICALLY DELICIOUS YEAR

Ugh, 2021 has not been much different than 2020 other than we get to have a fair. WOOHOO! Although it was nice not having the fair crowded with people last year, I did miss the experience of talking and educating the families that would come. I ended last year with great news as the buyer of my old market sheep, Potato, decided to give him back to me. Our adventure went from there, dressing up for Halloween and celebrating his birthday. New memories are with my new market lamb and market goat. Let me introduce you to the two troublemakers that have decided to infiltrate my life, my lamb, who is the nephew of Potato, is named Charms, and my market goat's name is Lucky. Together they are Lucky Charms, and they are magically delicious! They are both happily farm raised and not only fed grain, but I also feed them grass hay. Let us take a detour throughout my summer with some funny and cute pictures of my time with my animals!

It's lambie pick-up day, and Potato was a little skeptical about meeting his next-door pen partner. After a day of being beside each other, Potato and Charms grew fond of each other. They usually spend their day lying next to one another on opposite sides of the fence under our shady maple tree. Now, my friend and I take both Potato and Charms on walks, even though Potato protests a lot.



Though Charms did not need to go onto the treadmill initially to lose weight (Until I went on vacation for a week and a half and he got fat with no exercise), I did want to build his muscle. So every morning, Charms and I would go on the treadmill for about fifteen to twenty minutes. Don't worry, he got treats and loves afterward if he was being good and cooperated. For some reason, he doesn't like to exercise in the evening, even if it is cooler temperatures than in the morning, he is not a night owl apparently. So, to make sure he is comfortable, we trained at around six in the morning to beat the extreme heat that we would get later in the day.



Lucky, on the other hand, has given me so many problems ever since he was born. My goal was to try to make a smaller Boer cross so that it would be easier to gain more muscle for better eating... This attempt kind of failed as Lucky looks more like a dairy goat quality-wise than a market goat, last year on my 1st attempt at this cross we got an amazing buck, so I thought I would try again. He is too much dairy so I had to keep pushing more food on him throughout the summer, but he would barely eat. Not only am I afraid he won't make minimum weight this year, but he is so stubborn that I have not been able to work with him as much this year because I am unable to catch him without help. It would even be easier to catch him if he stayed around Charms, but he dislikes Charms with a passion, so my summer got harder.



To be honest, I have not enjoyed taking the market goat project this year. Although people say to try again as not all Boers will be like this, I only have two more years left in the 4H program, and I want to have fun and do the projects that I love. So for the following years, I will take market sheep and sewing as those are my two foremost passions. I'll have to see if any other projects spark my interest, but until then, I'll stick with my fluffy little lambies to play with! Besides, Potato needs new lambie friends, and my grammy keeps saying he is only a child and likes that status! At least he tolerates them for a few months, that way I can keep taking the 4H market lamb project for my last few years.

This year fair is 10 days beginning with 4H on Aug 20th. I hope you can come visit Lucky and Charms. The sale this year is Sunday, Aug 22nd, followed by open class come in later in the week, which is when you can come visit Potato. We'll be in the costume contest on Saturday Aug 28th.

