



Date: March 2009
To: Raising Heritage Turkeys on Pasture Clinic Registrants
From: Marjorie Bender

Greetings, all, and welcome spring!

We are very pleased that you're attending this valuable workshop. **Danny Williamson** will be the key teacher at these workshops. Danny is a master breeder of several American Poultry Association Standard breeds, including Black turkeys. He personally maintains a 400 hen breeding flock, and raised 400 turkeys for the holidays. He serves on the Board of Directors and is employed as the General Manager and Chief Financial Officer of Good Shepherd Turkey Ranch, Inc, which raised over 10,000 turkeys this past season. Over the past 8 years Danny has been a partner with his friend and mentor, Frank Reese, Jr. in Good Shepherd Turkey Ranch, which is at the center of developing a new market for these interesting, valuable, and delicious birds.

Here is some information you'll need to get the most out of the clinic.

Cancellations

Should you be unable to attend, please contact the office. A refund will be given, less a \$5 processing fee *only* if we are able to fill your spot.

Registration

Registration will begin 30 minutes before the clinic. The clinic will begin and end on time each day. Please try to arrive on time.

Directions

The clinic will be held at two locations. (Lodging information and Directions enclosed)
The classroom portion of the clinic will be held in the building across from the Wheatland City Hall. The address is 280 Main St. There will be signs to help you find the entrance.
The farm tour will be on the farm where Bill McBrayer keeps his heritage turkeys.

The group will caravan to the farm. Directions are included in the event that we get separated.

What to Bring

We'll be indoors both Thursday and Friday mornings.

We'll be outdoors on Thursday afternoon. Wear...

- *Clean* clothes, including *clean* shoes and *clean* outerwear. Do **NOT** wear clothing that has been worn around other poultry. This is to prevent the potential for spreading infectious diseases between flocks.
- Clothes appropriate for the weather and walking.

Bring...

- Paper and pen for note taking.
- Cameras are welcome. No video.

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What *NOT* to Bring

- Do *NOT* bring or wear *ANY* clothing or material that has been in contact with or near poultry, including caps, gloves, jackets, etc.
- Do not bring animals or young children.

How to Prepare

- Review the heritage turkey manual available on-line at <http://www.albc-usa.org/downloads.html>
- Review the biosecurity protocol on-line at <http://www.albc-usa.org/downloads.html>
- If you have not raised heritage turkeys before, learn as much as you can about their husbandry and carefully examine your farm so you can get the most out of this clinic. Visit the ALBC website (www.albc-usa.org) for more information and resources.
- Make motel reservations

What You'll Receive

- *Raising Heritage Turkeys on Pasture* manual
- Lunch on Thursday
- Mid-morning snack on Friday
- A chance to meet and network with others.
- An invaluable opportunity to learn from the nation's best!

Extreme Weather Contingency

Should the weather turn foul, the schedule may be rearranged to take advantage of the best times for the farm visit.

More Questions?

If you have more questions, don't hesitate to contact the office at 919-542-5704.

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