

Happy Goats Grazing Service



Kidding Time



Kids are born May 20-June 30

Born out on pasture

Only kids/does with issues are brought in



Kidding

During kidding season, I check on the goats 4-5 times a day

Kids are given a small circle tag at birth

Bucks are vaccinated and banded early on





Our Pyrenees dogs earning their keep

They are worth their weight in gold as these kids are born out on pasture.





The does and kids as they move into a new paddock.

The goats have access to a central grove of trees at all times. Water and supplements are located here.

After they graze down one paddock, another is built and kids are given time to move over with their mothers.

Working the goats

At the end of the kidding season all the goats are gathered to be dewormed and vaccinated

Using the FAMCHA, system all goats are evaluated and dewormed accordingly

We have also started using copper boluses as an added parasite deterrent

Vitalix goat tubs, goat mineral, and salt are available to the goats round the clock



Hauling to grazing sites

Goats are loaded on to cattle pots for transport to site

Approximately 450 head of does and kids mixed together on each truck

Fence is built on site before goats arrive



Getting unloaded



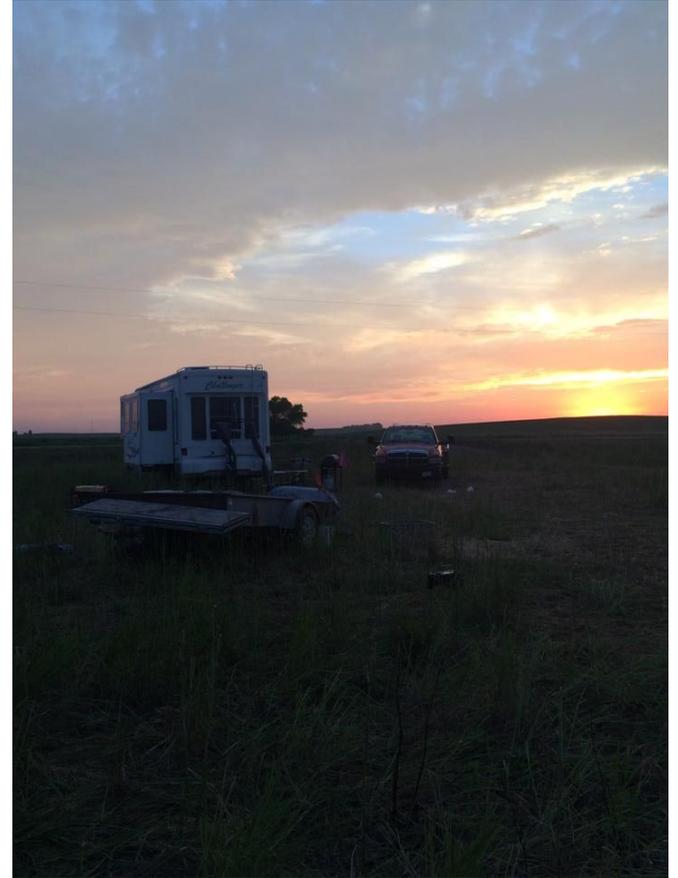
Goats are unloaded from the belly door of the truck. By doing this we eliminate the need for an unloading chute and get them off the truck that much faster. As soon as they are unloaded they go to work grazing.

Living with the goats

Our camper goes with us to all grazing sites

We live on site with the goats during the duration of the graze

All supplies for the goats are able to be loaded on a 4 wheeler trailer that is pulled behind the camper.





Water is hauled to the goats in an old 1000 gallon fertilizer trailer

Water is available at all times

Also pictured is a mineral feeder made out of PVC pipe

Protein tubs also get moved daily with the herd

Fencing for the goats



Eletro net fence and a solar fencer.

All of this is totally portable to any place you would like, eliminating the need for electricity.

Fence rolled up and ready to be moved.

My dogs are always along for the ride as well. Couldn't herd goats without them.





Grazing work by the goats



**Before and
after along
the road**



Before and after of trees



**Grazing work on some trees
and cattails.**





Clump of Cottonwoods on east side of property

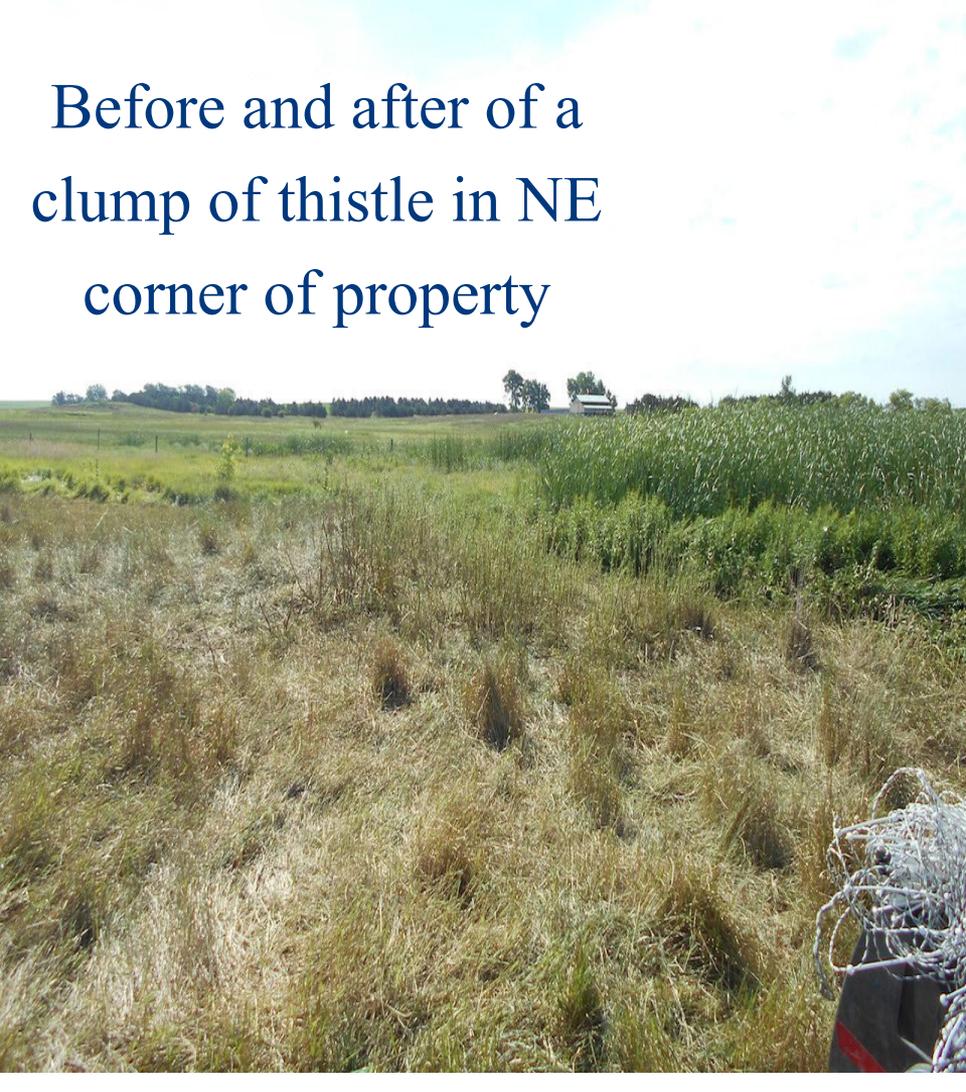
Before grazing

After grazing

After cutting trees down



Before and after of a
clump of thistle in NE
corner of property





The goats working together to take down a tree in order to reach all the leaves.



Pictures showing the goats as they move into a new pen. They pretty much disappear!





A patch of thistle in
2014 before and after
being grazed 24 hours.



Same thistle patch in 2015,
nothing left.

Just turned into a pen



After 1 hour



After 2 hours



Progression of the goats grazing through a pen

After 4 hours



After 8 hours



After 24 hours

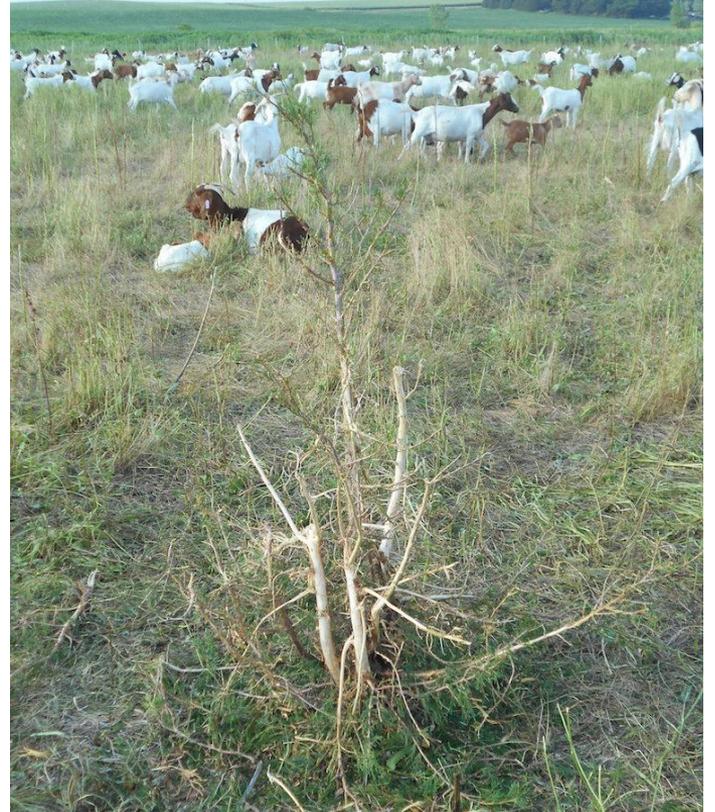




Work on willows and brush along a creek.

After grazing all willows were cut down by hand.

A couple of cedar trees that were destroyed as the goats graze a paddock.



**Loading up to move on.
All the loading facilities are portable so they break down to
be hauled on a trailer.**





Goats are hauled home after the completion of grazing work for the summer.

They graze the creek bottoms and meadows for as long as possible .

Kids are typically weaned sometime in November, depending on the year and weather conditions.





Fence line picture showing grazing of willows in the creek bottom.



This picture also shows some of the permanent 4 wire fence we have put in around our place.

Wire is actually small cable put up on fiberglass and hedge posts.



Once the kids are weaned the does are moved to cornstalks.

We drive them with dogs to wherever they need to go.



Grazing on stalks

Goats free graze for around 6 hours a day then go back to a pen on the corner of the field.

Water and supplements are available in their pen at all times.





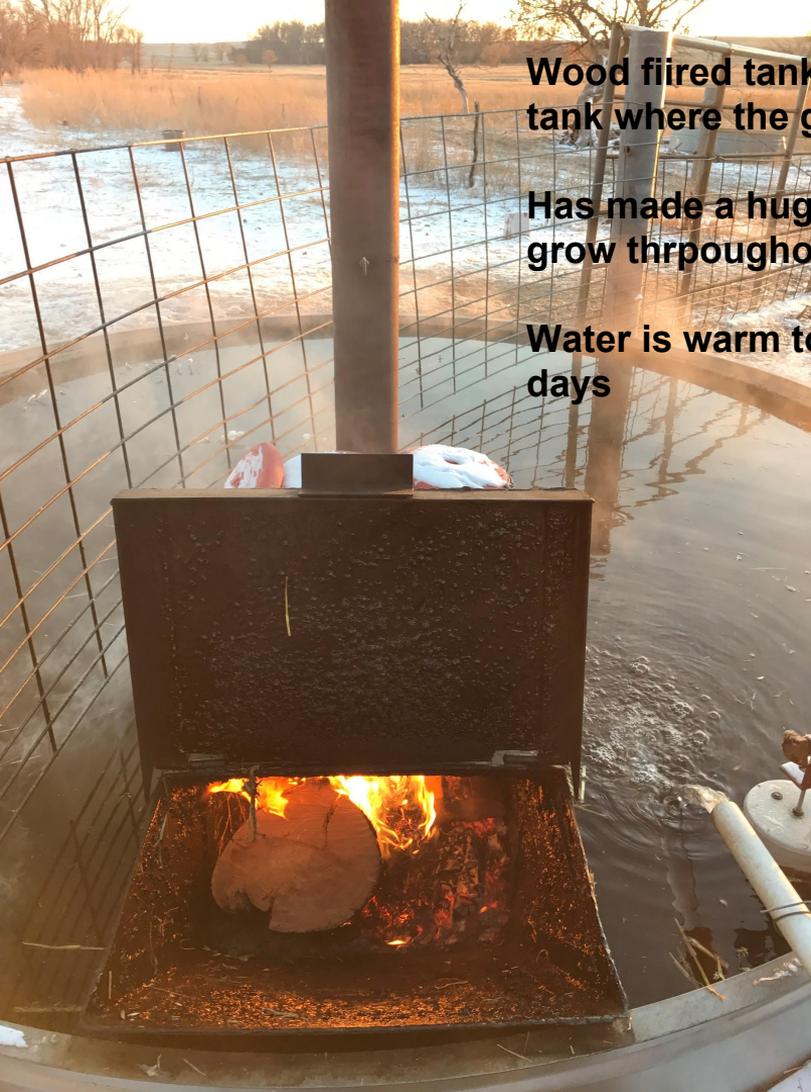
Feeding kid goats whole shell corn

They also get free choice alfalfa or oat/cane hay.





Feeding using the
Hydrabed



Wood fiired tank heater used in the winter in the tank where the goats drink

Has made a huge difference in how our kid goats grow throughtout the winter.

Water is warm to the touch even on subzero days





Winter for the Happy Goats herd.
Their protection is a grove of trees.
They get fed hay and corn when the weather gets to tough.





The kids

After weaning they are slowly upped on the amount of corn fed until they are up to $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a pound a day

Also fed alfalfa daily

They are given sheds as protection just because they don't have trees in their pen.

They drink from a tank of warm water shared with the does.

Kids are sold by March or April and the process begins again.





Thank you!!

Any questions?

