

Good Bye Goats



1 Daisy all dressed up

If you know me at all, you know how much I love goats in general and how CRAZY I was over my own personal tiny herd. So, the decision to sell my goats did not come lightly. Or easily.

We have so many wonderful friends and customers who are SHOCKED that Rocky Creek no longer has goats and everyone is asking WHY?

As with any major decision there are usually multiple underlying reasons, and this is no different. It actually boiled down to two key reasons: Time and Energy.

I have a high standard of care for my animals and that takes a lot of time. I have developed a holistic husbandry protocol for all my animals and it cannot be rushed or glossed over. Plus I believe that animals desire and deserve attention and love and this too cannot be rushed or glossed over.

If all I had was goats to care for, it would have been a breeze. But combine their care with chicken care, rabbit care, cat care, dog care, garden care, homesteading care, teaching classes, running an herb, essential oil & freeze dried food business, church care, family care and personal care, well, you see the problem. A person with a few less years under their belt could pull it off blindfolded, but my energy cannot keep up with my calendar. Something had to go.



2 Baby Button & Daisy

And, it isn't just goats. My gardening agenda is downsized considerably this year and we no longer do any of the CSA programs.



3 Betty & Becky

It was a heart wrenching decision to sell the goats, but they are better off and it's hard to admit, but my chore time has been cut to less than half—which makes me smile. Milking is very time consuming—the actual milking is not, but managing the milk, keeping everything sterile and delivering to customers takes a lot of time.

My darlings all got good homes and will be remembered fondly. Here's a few photos to say good-bye.



8 The herd



7 Coco & Willie



6 Daisy & Button



5 Coco & Willie



4 Coco, Belle & Willie