



SUNFLOWER FARMS

SUNFLOWER SEEDS

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Slowly but surely the farm is coming to life. The horses especially seem to have a little more giddy up in their step. We know spring fever has been settling in with everyone, but we are working to get everyone outside and in the fresh air.

One of the biggest benefits of the season changing is that the days are getting longer. Now that it stays light out later we need to remember to turn off the lights while the natural daylight is still shining. Besides, who wouldn't want to get out of the fluorescent and into the real stuff?

In an effort to spruce up the look of the barns we ask that you please remove all blankets from the front of the stall doors. We know you probably want them cleaned so just a reminder for all of you, Sunflower Farms offers a blanket cleaning service. Please ask the front desk for information.

Rain, rain, rain. That's all we seem to see these days. Due to the interesting weather patterns we're witnessing, the outside arenas will be closed periodically, in order to protect the footing. Please call ahead if you would like to have an update on whether they're available to use or not.

For those that ride in the coveralls, please **DO NOT** try to raise the automatic sides. They are secured down by clamps and the fabric will rip if they are forced open. We are waiting for a collaborative agreement between all trainers for the best time to open them.

FYI we have started seeding the pastures, so some of them will be closed. Not to worry,

however, we will do our best to make sure everyone will get a chance to be outside.

Hand grazing your horses on this muddy wet grass will ruin it. Please be considerate of your fellow boarders and refrain from doing so until things dry up.

Unfortunately, there seems to be some incorrect information circulating about the horses' health, arena usage, and the rules here on the farm. If you have any questions we ask that you address them to the management. We will be able to give you all the accurate information you are looking for. You are able to reach us all day on the property and we are also accessible 24/7 by phone.

In an effort to reduce costs and to keep our neighbors from strongly disliking us, we are going to be turning off all outside lights at 9:45 pm. Our insurance company also insists that for safety reasons we are to have all boarders off the property by 9:30 pm before the farm goes black.

Finally, this is just a reminder that basic board bills will no longer be mailed. Also, we would like to have your email addresses so that we will be able to send you Sunflower Seeds. We wouldn't want you to miss out on this great publication! That's all for now so until next month, stay dry!



**"A prince is never surrounded
by as much majesty on his
throne as he is on a beautiful
horse."**

~Winston Churchill