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A city girl goes country (Part 6) Can I “rent a goat?”

Saturday, May 11, 2013

Yesterday I wrote about the status of our “lawn” as well as American society’s quest for the “perfect” lawn.

Admittedly our unusual wet weather including several days of downpours have kept us from mowing even on our usual lazy cycle. I call what we have a “lawn” in quotes because in addition to yesterday’s pictures, some parts look like this.



This may have to be attacked with a machete. Of course we do have sections that look like grass – long grass.



But this part is on a slope which makes mowing quite a challenge, especially when pushing that mower uphill.

This brings me back to my title. I see goats on the farms around me. Maybe a farmer would rent me one?

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I don't want to own a goat and living right on the lake and not being a working farm, I wouldn't be allowed to own one anyway. This would have to be a "visiting" goat like having temporary company who bring their dog along.

I could put the goat on a long leash so he/she would stay on our property. My neighbor wouldn't be happy if Billy-the-goat developed a taste for their tulips.

This ends my morning rambling. I'll leave the mowing to DH. He's still laughing at my solution.

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You never know...your farmer neighbor just might be open to the opportunity!
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Perhaps a few
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Hee! But goats bring whole other issues with them....
2955 days ago



-SHOREIDO-

Well they do in Florida where my Brother lives. (Central) In fact he now has purchased his own goats for just that purpose!! Goat grazing works there due to the size of property however....



lol

Ginny
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BOOKAPHILE

The farmer might be happy to get some new "free" food for his goat.
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DR1939

When I was a teenager we had two sheep. They came with the house when we bought it. I can tell you that it is easier to mow than to take care of the animals. Also less expensive.
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CD13227574

Lets see now-you have deer trimming the shrubbery and flowers for you, and now you want to get a goat to mow the lawn. If you got sheep to do it instead you could shear the fleece and learn to spin! Unless you get a cashmere goat, then you could learn to spin some nice expensive fiber, sell it and make a profit! You're getting more "countryfied" every minute.
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GINIEMIE

I love your solution, but they don't just eat weeds and grass...





On a hill I found it easier to bisect it at an angle to mow. Of course, I don't follow too many rules so...

Have a great Saturday.



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COCK-ROBIN

Beautiful!

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ONEKIDSMOM

What a GREAT visual... goat on a rope... using the greens for what they are meant for: to nourish an herbivore! Well, guess goats are kind of omnivores... but they CAN and DO digest



grass (and weeds). Talk to that nearby farmer!

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WILSONWR

My wife had the same idea from getting rid of some of the smaller brush at our ranch. It would have to be a long leash, though, since it's not fenced...

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SOPHIEDO13

That's cute !!

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