



Project Barn part 1

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Now that the house is in place we're starting to look at the yard site thinking about what kind of developments we will need. We're planning to fence off at least one more pasture this year and we want to set up a big vegetable garden. This is pretty easy and not too expensive but we also have some bigger plans. We would like to have a garage, a workshop and a horse barn. You can buy these buildings in a package and put them together yourself so we are figuring out what we need first and see if we can possibly combine some buildings.

Ever since the day we arrived here we've become big fans of the "red barns" which are a part of the Saskatchewan landscape. We would love to have a barn like that. Most of the newer barns are made out of sheet metal and don't have the nice curves like the old barns. Still a good option but we would prefer an original barn made out of wood. So we're telling this to anybody who wants to hear about it and believe it or not but somebody has offered us their barn! It's just beautiful and exactly how we picture our ideal barn. We can even have it for free but there's a high cost involved in moving such a big building.

The square footage is a bit more than our house and it's a lot higher off course. The barn is in reasonable shape. Barns like this that aren't used anymore slowly deteriorate until they collapse. The main floor is leaning a little bit at the back side but the loft is in good shape. We might leave the main floor out and build a new one on site so the barn has a straight and strong foundation. It will also be quite a bit lower than for easier moving.

It is a massive operation to get it here on site and to fix it all up but it would be fantastic to have such a beautiful barn with so much history on our yard site. It might take a year or more to get it here or it could be way too expensive (no moving quotes received yet) but it is an exciting and fun project to work on and we really enjoy that.



It needs a lot of work but this is our dream barn