



**Abundant Harvests!**  
  
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**The team** hard at work on many projects and routines!

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Harvesting, constructing, trellising, reviewing, and the newest members of the team, chickens!



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**The team** delivering the harvest, planting, processing, harvesting, and caring for plants!

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## Summer Outdoor Planting!

During our very short dry season, we have planted many crops like broccoli, lettuce, tomatillos, and chile dulce in Svarga!

May the sun and rain be balanced!



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**Summer Herbs**  
growing strong!  
Basil, parsley, dill,  
thyme, rosemary,  
and oregano!



And  
buckwheat  
in flower  
for seed  
saving!



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Our **scallion rootstock replanting** method has been quite successful!  
The first **sunflowers** are starting to emerge! **Mizuna** for seed saving!  
A beautiful **corn patch**! **The arch** is ready to plant!  
And **outdoor watering** has begun! Feb 2022





Parsnip (Ash 21)  
15 Sept (10)

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The parsnips were finally ready to harvest after 5 months! First, we checked the diameter of the root, which had the goal size of about 4-5cm. We trimmed the leaves and fed them to the chickens. Then we pulled up the roots, which ranged greatly in size! Also, one of the new heirloom vainica varieties, **Jade**, is producing extra long tender pods!







Many healthy seedlings were available for adoption by household gardeners! We had sweet peppers, tomatillos, tomatoes, and more!

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One happy plant-parent sent this great photo of their Ed's Reds tomato plant in its new home, ready to reach for the sky!





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Jagadamba  
Kanyaka  
growing strong!



26.55kg of cucs, lettuces  
freshly planted, tomatoes  
fruiting, and big cabbages.





We planted this patch of big **black beans** out in Svarga under the trellis. We put out the clear plastic jugs as protection, which has worked in the past to deter the **pajuilas**, but they came anyways! So, we put up the bamboo climbing poles and a red towel to deter them, but they returned and did even more damage! So, we put up more bamboo, another big red shirt, and wrapped the patch in mesh! This has kept them away and thankfully the beans have grown their second set of leaves! Also, our **summer herbs** are growing great, including another patch of fennel!



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All kinds of **challenges!** Leaf cutter ants, caterpillars in the cabbage heads and cucs, birds pecking the ripening chiles, outbreak of hopping insects on camote leaves, damaged eggplants, and an isolated aphid inundation!



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More **leaf health challenges!** A series of successively worse damage on the vainica leaf. Aphids on celery seedlings. Our old friend the flea beetle. This quite beautiful flow of fungal growth on an eggplant leaf. Another example of the

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cabbage head damage. Some spotted powdery mildew on the production vainicas, and a heavier version on the seed saving pole bean patch.

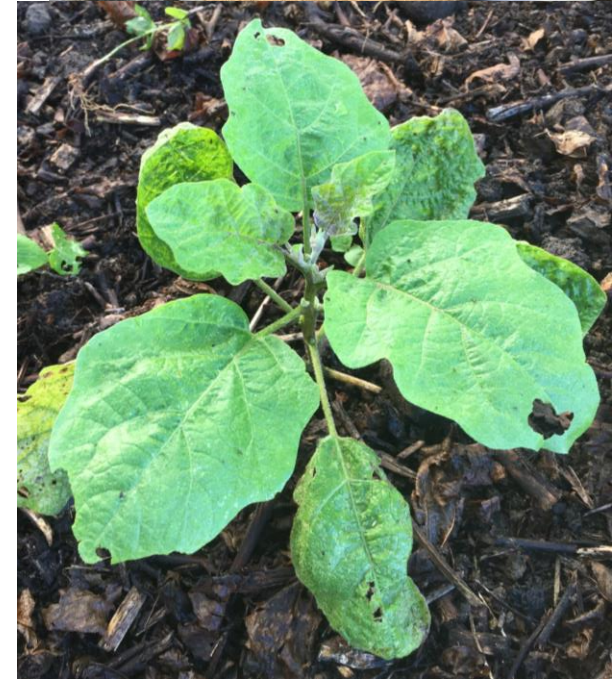
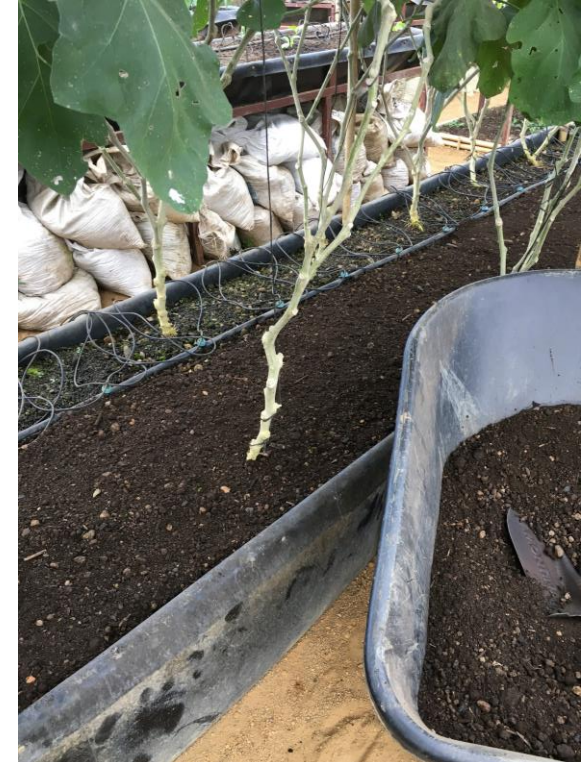




A section of the indoor **buckwheat** seed saving patch was **damping off**. We will review the soil in this area of after the final harvest.

An **anomalous growth pattern** on these hybrid eggplants didn't show any signs of illness in the roots.

We **fertilized the black beauty eggplants** with a 50/50 compost/planting soil mix. And the newest round of **young eggplants bounced back** from a rough start!





**Creative solutions!** We placed a mesh screen over the buckwheat microGreens and so far, the birds have eaten much fewer seeds! We stored the watering wands and hoses inside Karmashala to reduce the chance of sun damage. The leaking hose in Svarga was reduced to leave a clean curve in the line. And our mielequilla banana is not such a baby anymore!

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**Natural Beauty!**

