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**Steady Harvests!**  
And new arrivals; yuca  
and zucchini!



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**Special Harvests:** Manzana de Agua, multicolored radishes, big malanga, bananarama (6026 units!), ñampi, chayotera growing strong, productive zucchini, the palm plantation is developing well, parsley still going strong, and vainicas doing very well in JK!





**Special Harvests (2):** Ayote, array of tropical fruits, chile dulce, camote, dry black beans, purple and red corn, soon to be pejibaye, and picturesque chayote!



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**Interesting:** basil w/unusual stem shape, healthy thyme and oregano propagation, strong celery, our mielequilla banana from seed with its "hijos," super abundant sweet chilies, an apazote growing from a sack of soil, and the next round of vainicas in JK!



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**Seed Saving:**  
Yogiraj demonstrating only a portion of the sunflower seeds we've saved this year! The next generation of all



of our strongest tomato varieties. A new sweet chile from Savegre. The Tigre con Suerte tomato was a challenge. Taro family seeds. A small amount of cilantro seed, the patch struggled to reproduce. And we have successfully saved the next generation of the original Arunachala sweet chile!



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**The Team:** Amrita leading Solveig and Erik sorting seeds. Bryan harvesting corn and chayotes. We **welcome Lucas** to the team w/Yogiraj and Bryan harvesting bananas and chile dulce. And the Ashram hens making great use of their new “hotel” rooms!





**The Team (2):** Buckwheat seed saving, mizuna seed processing, fennel planting, tomato tying, food processing meets the harvest walk, weekly seeding, microGreens, and fruit harvest!



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**The Team (3):** Expanding the chive plantation, beautiful camote harvest, soil mixes, bean takedown, abundant bean harvest, enjoying a water apple, bed/plant care, and planting the next round of cucumbers!

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**Big projects!** The roof cleaning on all the Greenhouse buildings was done by Osvaldo and our newest Agriculture teammate, **Wilson!**



Maicol and Carlos began the next **bed support wall** in Al-Kauthar. And **the galeron** was constructed and roofed, an ample new space for soil making and more!



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**Resources:** We repurposed old soap and paint containers to make new ergonomic harvest containers. An extra piece of roofing plastic was used to make a roof on the arch trellis in Svarga. It will be used for ayotes! Fabian had an ingenious idea to use the rest of the fingers on old gloves as reinforcements for the most commonly worn-out fingers, the index and middle of the left hand. In Karmashala, we cleaned out all the old pairs of boots that were no longer in use. And acquired an incredible, new high-powered chipper, to live in the new galeron!



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**Challenging  
Weather  
Conditions!**

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We experienced increased humidity and reduced sunlight hours.



Cabbage, lettuce, arracache, and kale had some casualties, especially outside.



Even some of the scallion patches struggled. Some plants rotted and fell over. And others had their roots exposed by heavy rain!

This cabbage completely rotted, and this tomato split open before ripening!





**Hungry Insects!** A variety of potential suspects, damaged newly planted broccoli and cabbage at night. Flea beetles continue to damage tomato leaves. A seedling barely had a chance before having its cotyledons cut! This bok choi seedling was simply irresistible!



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This larvae made its cocoon between the leaves of the seed saving soy. And an adult bok choi, almost ready for harvest, got taste tested by slugs!





**Fungus!** All kinds of fungal growth are in the soil and their spores in the air. Some have negative effects, like damping off, damaged vainica leaves/fruits, and spotted broccoli leaves. And others are playing their natural roll in the decomposition of wood.



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**Adventures!**  
A flock of 7 pajuilas entered into Sugata, luckily the damage was minor, and we found their potential entrance under the doorway.



The mother mouse had been feasting on the sunflower seeds for microGreens. We set out a trap and tried covering the trays with sacks.

Continued work on drainages. Our passive soil making piles are looking great! And we continue to rework the soil and replace wires in the growing beds!

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**Creature Feature!**  
Mature lizard,  
catching rays.  
Baby mice, their  
mother built this  
nest overnight!



New canine friends!  
Incredible insects!  
And a camouflaged  
tree frog hiding in  
the corn!



**Infinite Beauty!**

Water apple flower. Cinnamon Basil flower. Ginger flower. Sunflower.  
Full double rainbow and the twin falls above Savegre!

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