



Harvests:

Consistent beets (33kg), tender zucchini, tea herbs like anise and holy basil, beautiful red lettuce, abundant cilantro (20.6kg), steady broccoli (18kg and 4.5kg broc greens), and large, crisp celery (22 heads = 7.5kg)!



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Seed Saving:
Bright lollo lettuce starting to flower. New Roma tomatoes. The Florence, green oak leaf lettuce, are quite sensitive and require care to make it all the way to flower. So far, so good!



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The big black bean patch (from Finca Paraiso seeds) produced these two full plates of dry beans! And the next generation of Ashram 16 zucchinis are on their way!





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The Team: Gaby planting. Sergio/Lucas/Bryan team up. Lorna joined us Monday mornings for microGreens and planting. Floh joined Swati for microGreens and more. Tara feeding the hens by hand. And Deb helps with caring for the seedlings and more...



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The Team (2): Farewell to Gabi, thanks so much for your excellent service!

Lucas planting the famous Natsufushinari cucumbers. Swati and Floh preparing biomass cuttings. Harvest walk reviewing upcoming tomatoes. Abundant roots (28kg camote and 69kg malanga)!





The Team (3): Wilson working on clearing dollar weed roots from beds in Svarga. He and Osvaldo clean the greenhouse roofs! Domingo harvesting camote. Bryan planting sunflowers. Maicol compacting a newly improved trail. And Osvaldo/Bryan cut flowers and weed the cilantro coyote bed in Svarga.

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Growth: Some abnormal cilantro growth. We adjusted the quantity of seeds, which appear to be germinating less than in previous weeks. The young peas are grabbing hold of the string structure. Golden mini roma tomatoes growing well with lettuce planted at the base to take advantage of the space. Avocados in bed #6 have had a growth spurt. The Marmande tomatoes are loaded with fruits and have a very manageable, determinate plant size. Yogiraj uncovers a healthy volunteer chile dulce plant

Despite some lower germination, the cilantro patch has been spectacular!

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Growth (2): Thyme continues to produce well. Taro root, freshly weeded and growing strong! The peas continue to climb. The Boston pickling cucumbers off to a healthy start. Beautiful sea of corn. Parsley and eggplants appear back on the scene for the sunny summer weather!





Projects/Routines: The new carbonera style is working well, it requires regular review to keep the carbon from turning to ash. The beds in Svarga require frequent attention. First, they are weeded, then loosened, and at times amendments are added. We add a union to the drip irrigation lines when we encounter a leak. A worktable was added to the corner storage under the lodge. The new Asparsha bodega looking great with the roof painted!



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Challenges (Fungal/Climatic):
Still some damping off, but with increased sunlight hours this month, it has noticeably reduced. Some cucumbers are aborting, but with so many flowers, still producing abundantly. A strange split appeared in this cuc stem.



We have been struggling with green beans germinating poorly and they and several other plants like tomatoes and even lettuce have been affected by something in the soil. We are currently investigating possibilities. And in general, green beans have been having difficulties with disease.



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Challenges (Insect):

Whiteflies are around, but the population is under control. Caterpillars are around in greater numbers as the weather warms up due to longer sun hours. Cochinilla in areas where the soil doesn't have easy drainage. A few seedlings are still being eaten in the night. And occasionally, even after being transplanted into the growing beds.





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