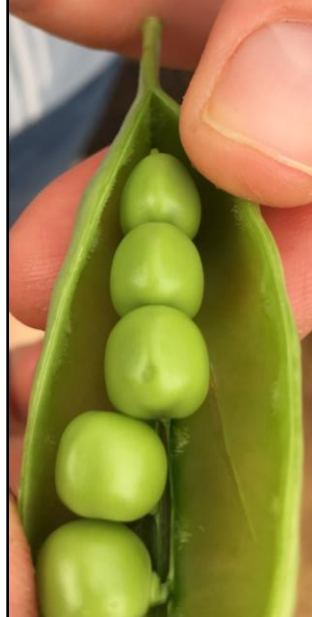




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Harvest 1:
Abundant cabbages, including some tight purple heads. Sweet chilies continue giving. Purple sweet potato, tender corn, sweet peas, marmande tomatoes, consistent beets, and enough black beauty eggplants for baba ganoush!





Harvests 2:
Squash! Including several Blue Hubbards! Golden mini roma and Spanish pear tomatoes. Fresh dill. Spicy jalapeños. White sweet potato. Fermented cacao. Bright tender radishes. And sugar snaps in the pod!



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Harvests 3: Generous heart of palm. Delicious broccoli. Sweet/Spicy peppers. Roma tomatoes. Abundant cucs and tomatillos, enough to share with each of the workers! Bright red kuri squash. And bountiful green beans!

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Team 1: Alexander supporting the watering in Svarga. Kalyan with indoor avocado's 1st fruit. Swati and Susi collecting lettuce seeds. Yogiraj harvesting tomatoes. The new rooster. Jagadish and team preparing pots. And Jaga and Nirmala planting scallions.



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Team 2: Maya plants/waters. Nirmala, Michel, Swati, and Jagdish after a productive morning. Bryan and Alex harvest malanga and construct a tomato trellis. Domingo on the daily harvest, displays a bouquet. Jagadish and team clean plants



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Team 3: Nathalie and Jagdish filling pots. Amrita, Michel, Rodney, Debra, and Francois sorting seeds. Yogiraj reviewing the harvest. Kalyan and team shaving cinnamon bark. Nirmala on bed/plant care. Swati and Rodney harvesting microGreens.



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Seed Saving 1: These mild spicy/sweet peppers turn a rich red when mature. Drying mature seeds. And meticulously sorting the viable from the immature. Several varieties of sunflowers produce seeds for microGreens. Beans, lettuce, squash, buckwheat, cilantro, and more!

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As they matured, these pickling cucumbers split and had almost no mature seeds.





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Lettuce flowers then matures and prepares the seeds to be carried by the wind. This and other observations lets us know to plant lettuce seeds close to the surface of the soil. Next generation peas, green beans, cucs, and more!

Seed Saving 2: Buckwheat indoors and outdoors, produce geometric pyramid-shaped seeds.





Growth: Sweet potatoes are ready! Checking the squash. Golden mini roma trusses. Bringing down a tricky palm, piece by piece. Big brassicas close off the trail when planted side by side.



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Zucchini stretching out. Tender pea tendrils. Chayotes taking off again. The next generation of chicks! Cucs climb. And marvelous mint!





Growth 2:
Successful propagation of aloe. Next generation of red-veined sorrel. Utilitarian tomato trellis. A friend brought lemon grass starts. Cute yellow zucchini. Sour Rosa de Jamaica. Healthy eggplant.



An ingenuitive design for growing black pepper. And super tall papaya trees touch the roof in Jagadamba Kanyaka.



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Our friends at Agrotecservis came and replaced the plastic roof and mesh on two of our greenhouses. Quite the acrobatic feat!

Projects/Routines: We again successfully charred rice husks into carbon. Repaired a surprise leak. Reviewed and marked palmito trees that are ready to harvest. And Al-Kauthar is looking brand new with a new plastic roof. The old plastic and mesh are also very valuable resources to be used in other applications.

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Tests & Trials: We repurposed some of the old mesh from the GH to protect the young bean plants from turkeys. The broad leaf arugula is back after a break and responding well! Our decoy bird berry bushes are ready to be planted. Parsley has done well in pots in a warm, sunny spot. Rosemary did the best in the solar dryer herb experiment. We harvested sugar snap peas as fresh pods, and also left some to mature into actual sweet peas. And dill has responded well to growing outdoors in pots. They can handle some rain and don't get powdery mildew on the leaves!

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Outdoor Planting: The summer sun has finally dried out the soil. Sunflowers blossom. Hot and sweet chilies shine. Corn in several locations. Tomatillos soak the sun. Even broccoli and parsley are doing well outdoors. The chaya has been consolidated to one bed in order to open up space for other crops. The beets struggled outdoors. And chives thrive!

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**Challenges
(Insect/
Animal):**
Whitefly.
Caterpillars. Root
nodules.
Chewing damage
from larger
insects. And
leaves eaten by
animals. Picudo
damaging many
chilies. And the
seed saving cucs
that split were
very susceptible
to rotting as they
continued to
mature.

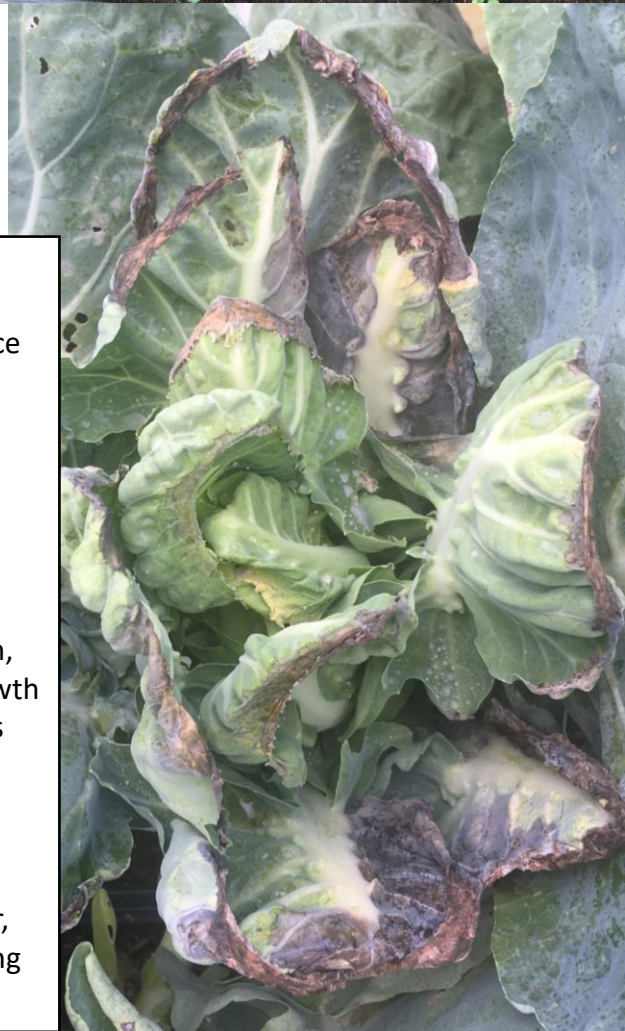


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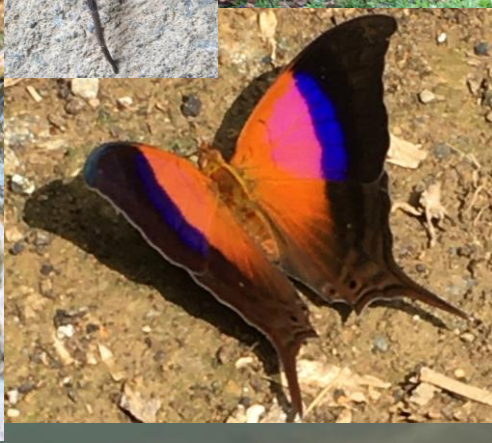


Challenges (Fungal/Climatic):
Mysteriously low lettuce germination. Powdery mildew. Cucs aborting. Strangely low/slow cilantro germination. Fungal growth on varieties that aren't as adapted to the humid climate. For this reason, we choose to stop growth the maravilla lettuce as the humid weather increases. Interesting fungal structure. And tomatoes can crack if receiving uneven water, especially when growing outdoors.





**Creature
Feature!**



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Infinite
Beauty!

