



Harvest 1: (1) Sunflower (left, 2 trays/2 varieties) and buckwheat (right) microGreens can have quite a range of productivity. (2) Cabbages are a strong crop for us. This month we even had success with a few small but solid red cabbages! (3) Consistent yuca. (4) Big sweet potato and



(5) And the lush dark green salad mix.

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Harvest 2: (1) Dried herbs; oregano, licorice mint, and thyme. (2) A sack of broccoli greens and lettuce for feeding the chickens. (3) 511kg of jackfruit harvested this month! (4) A beautiful daily harvest including fermented cacao. (5) We've been experimenting with curing the squash in the solar drier for 10-14 days. This helps them last longer in storage.



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Team 1: (1) Jake harvesting tomatoes. (2) Hosting a group of our neighbors for lunch after a farm tour. (3) Patrick doing a soil pH test. (4) Nirmala giving care to the broccoli plants. (5) Daliah and Swati caring for the tomatoes.



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Team 2: (1) Yogiraj giving an explanation to our current Shakti Saturation students. (2) Bryan harvesting yuca. (3) Swati and Veronica removing old plants.



(4) Don Sergio harvesting sweet potato. (5) Priya preparing the weekly seeding. (6) And Don Jagdish emptying pots that didn't germinate.



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Growth: (1) The next generation of Sumter cucumbers. (2) Marigold companion planting. (3) Basil continues to grow well. (4) The bird berry bushes have taken well to their new homes.



(5) The Wyatt green bean variety produced for over 14 weeks -- definitely a candidate for next year's seed saving! (6) And the next round of healthy zucchini are underway.



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Challenges (Insect/Animal):

(1 a-b) Aphids showing up on arugula and basil. (2) Flea beetles feed by removing chlorophyll, reducing photosynthesis.

(3) Insects ate some of the cilantro seedlings. (4 a-b) These interesting insects are on the yuca leaves which have been growing over a year. There is no sign that they have adversely affected the crop. (5) The mesh of the greenhouse was accidentally cut during grass cutting. (6) Looks like a rodent is getting into the green bean patch.



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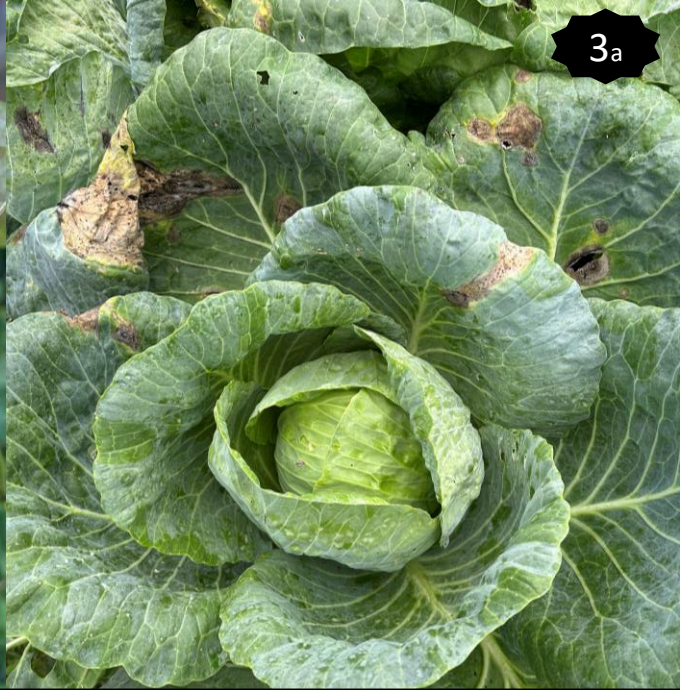


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Challenges (Fungal/Climatic): (1) Blossom end rot is affecting the first round of Roma tomatoes. (2) “Rusting” continues to affect some of the green bean varieties. (3a-b) Alternaria affecting brassicas, especially broccoli, but even some cabbages. Alternaria has this distinguishable black concentric circle pattern. (4) The Red Kuri squash has been aborting almost all its fruits. (5) We’ve noticed an increase in broccoli plants rotting, for unknown reasons.

(6) And the Maravilla lettuce reaffirms our decision not to grow it in the wet season.



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Seed Saving 1: (1) A new tomato variety, Early Williamette, is determinate, which is a shorter, more manageable plant. (2) The short/dwarf sunflowers were also a very manageable variety. They didn't need to be tied to bamboo poles for support like the taller sunflower species.

Resources : (4) Surplus tomato seedlings available for adoption by household gardeners. (5) Testing the pH of our passive compost pile, which the test described as quite alkaline. (6) Another pH testing device which also measures humidity and sunlight levels. (7) Consistent maintenance for our tools is very important.

Projects/Routines: (3a-b) The carbon produced by burning rice husks is beneficial to the soil mixes. By 4am the fire had charred most of the husks and was ready for additional husks to be added.



Creature Feature!





Infinite Beauty! Aug 2023

