



ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 11/7/2021

Mission Statement: ECO-Vrindaban promotes cow protection, local agriculture, and above all, loving Krishna, as envisioned by Srila Prabhupada, ISKCON New Vrindaban's Founder-Acharya.

Participating ECO-V Board Members: Anuttama, Jamuna Jivani (board secretary), Makara (chair), Ranaka, and Vraja

Participating Advisors: Chaitanya Mangala, Ishana

1. Ranaka's Monthly Report

Ranaka reported on the previous month's projects:

- Lalita Gopi (Temple Barn)
 - There are seven cows giving milk: Sriya, Subhadra, Gaurangi, Jayasri, Puspavati, Jaya Radhe, and Satyabhauma.
 - The cows produced 23 gal of milk per day.
 - Anandavidya made 20-30 lb butter per week
 - Sita was retired.
 - Moved Usha to the Valley Barn to be with Dharma for breeding.
 - Jacob has been milking the evening shift on Tuesdays by himself and helps during the weekday evenings.
 - TJ has been helping occasionally
 - Satyabhauma delivered her heifer calf which we named Bahula.
- Atmarama (Nandagram)
 - laid gravel for houses and pasture lane
 - installed new posts and two electric gate systems
 - removed gate wall on large barn and replaced with lumber
 - removed manure from both barns and courtyard
 - loaded both barns with hay for the winter season
 - moved Madhu the bull and his mate, Lalita, to the small barn for the winter

- removed dilapidated fencing around the courtyard in preparation for new fencing so Madhu and Lalita can get sun in the winter months
- general brush removal and cleaning
- Ray
 - Mowed hay and baled 43 round bales with the help of Joseph. This brings the year-to-date total to 926 round bales (627 first cutting, 222 second cutting, and 77 third cutting).
 - Rebuilt feed aisle in Bahulaban barn with 4"x4" lumber to replace weaker 2"x 4" lumber originally installed.
 - Rebuilt two damaged hay wagons and installed two new tires.
 - Sorted through metal piles at the high tunnel area for storage or recycling.
 - Dug, washed, and bagged the potato crop - approximately 1,600 lb
 - Finished brush-hogging Bahulaban and Nandagram pastures.
 - Repaired skid plate on Hesston hay mower and routine equipment maintenance.
- Yudhisthira das (Oxen Training)
 - yoked up the oxen daily and started taking them outside the training enclosure.
 - The oxen practiced pulling a tire with a block of wood in it
 - Taught the command "Whoa-Stand"
 - worked on increasing the size of their pasture
 - rebuilt a two-wheeled wagon for manure distribution.
- Suchandra (Teaching Garden & Valley Barn Flower Beds)
 - Teaching Garden:
 - Ordered fall bulbs.
 - Harvested last of flowers (marigolds, sunflowers, dahlias, and zinnias).
 - Cleared all marigolds and sunflowers after they died down.
 - Harvested the last of the peppers and herbs.
 - Kept the garden mowed and weed-whacked.
 - Weeded walkways and bare beds.
 - Cut back lilies and some gladiolas.
 - Worked up some of the back beds to plant bulbs in.
 - Received half of bulb order and planted them.
 - Planned out bed area next to the garden where goats used to be for planting next year.
 - Valley Barn Beds
 - Harvested the last of marigolds.
 - Pulled dead marigolds.
 - Deadheaded cannas.
 - Weeded around shrubs
 - Teaching Garden & Valley Barn Harvest amounts for September 2021:

- Basil – 2 bunches
 - Marigolds, large – 7,260
 - Marigolds, small – 2,965
 - Peppers, hot – 92
 - Rosemary – 1 bunch
 - Lemon thyme – 2 bunches
 - Salvia - 2 bunches
 - Sunflowers - 62
 - Gladiolas - 1
 - Zinnias, large - 145
 - Dahlias, large - 58
 - Globes - 50
- Hari Nama (Vidya’s Garden & High Tunnel)
 - Crew: Hari Nama, Gopal & Hari
 - Harvest: Marigolds, tuberose, carnations, globes, Bitter Melon, lauki, tomatoes, and basil.
 - Grounds Maintenance: cut grass, weed-eated, weeded high tunnel and garden.
 - Prepared garden beds for winter.
 - Cleaned all beds of dead plants and vines.
 - Spread compost and covered beds with a second layer to avoid weeds in spring.
 - Production from Vidya Outdoor Gardens and High Tunnel for September 2021:
 - Basil – 15 bunches
 - Bitter Melon – 64 lb
 - Celosia Stems - 78
 - Dalias – 62
 - Marigolds, small – 1,671
 - Squash, Loki – 484 lb
 - Tomatoes – 23 lb
 - Zinnias, large – 710
- Analaksita (Valley High Tunnels & Outside Garden)
 - Crew: Devananda, Will Wheeler, Moksha, and Jared.
 - High Tunnel #1
 - Added ladybugs to both high tunnels to control aphids.
 - Trimmed down tuberoses. Dug up, separated, and stored the bulbs in peat moss.
 - Harvested all eggplants and peppers, and pulled plants.
 - Added sand and urea to eight of nine beds, then broadforked with the hardpan and traditional broadfork. We have a new tool for breaking up the top two inches of soil. This was done after amendments were added.

- Laid plastic on the side of the high tunnel to direct water away from the high tunnel, which allows us to avoid digging a French drain on both sides.
 - Harvested eggplant, bell pepper, habanero peppers, red chili ember peppers, cilantro, romaine lettuce, and radishes.
- High Tunnel #2
 - Harvested all cucumbers, jalapenos, and bell peppers, and pulled plants.
 - Added sand and urea, and flipped the beds.
 - Removed the bottom leaves from the kale, collard green, and cabbage plants, and weeded the beds.
 - Seeded 80' of green beans.
 - Regularly weeded and watered
 - Planted 90' of cauliflower
 - Harvested green beans, cucumbers, collard greens, marigolds, kale, basil, parsley, spinach and three different types of lettuce.
- Large Outdoor Garden
 - Removed all tomato cages and plants.
 - harvested and delivered all the squash, marigolds, and pumpkins to the temple kitchen.
- Misc. Activities:
 - Helped with the potato washing and cleaned up the machine and floor afterwards.
 - Rented and filled a 30' dumpster with trash cleared from the wash station area.
 - Cut down trees between the barn and concrete wall.
 - Cleaned the wash station regularly.
 - Retrieved two truckloads of gardening supplies and a sink from Nandagram
- Production from Valley Outdoor Garden & High Tunnels for September 2021:
 - Basil - 7 bunches
 - Cilantro - 38 bunches
 - Cucumbers – 122 lb
 - Eggplant – 112 lb
 - Green Beans – 189 lb
 - Peppers, green & yellow – 37 lb
 - Marigolds, large – 900
 - Marigolds, small – 2,005
 - Okra – 10.5 lb
 - Parsley – 3.5 bunches
 - Potatoes – 7 lb

- Pumpkins – 9
 - Sage Plants - 2
 - Squash, Winter – 423 lb
 - Squash, Yellow – 140.5 lb
 - Sweet Corn - 5
 - Tomatoes – 609 lb
 - Tuberose – 14
 - Watermelon – 67 lb
 - Zucchini – 7 lb
- Ranaka
 - Worked with Tejo, Gintras, and AEP to replace the electrical system at the Valley Barn well.
 - Temple Barn Herd Count:
 - Milking Cows - 7
 - Heifer Calves - 2
 - Bull Calf - 1
 - Bahulaban Herd Count
 - Steers - 5
 - Open Cow - 1
 - Retired Cows - 17
 - Valley Barn Herd Count
 - Bull - 1
 - Bred Heifer - 3
 - Being Bred Heifer - 1
 - Open Heifers (not yet breeding age) - 2
 - Retired Cows - 8
 - Steers - 3
 - Nandagram Herd Count
 - Bull -1
 - Steers - 11
 - Ox - 3
 - Cow being bred - 1
 - Yudhisthira Herd Count
 - Oxen in Training - 2
 - With the birth of Bahula, the herd count is now 69.

