



ECO-Vrindaban Monthly Activity Report 6/27/2021

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 Board Members: Anuttama, Jamuna Jivani (board secretary), Makara (chair), Ranaka, and Vraja.

Participating Advisors: Ishana and Jaya Krsna

1. Ranaka's Monthly Report

Ranaka reported on the previous month's projects:

- Lalita Gopi (Temple Barn)
 - There are seven milk cows: Sita, Sriya, Subhadra, Usha, Jai Sri, Gaurangi and Lalita. They are producing 27-28 gal of milk each day.
 - There are three calves: Sumitra, Pradyumna, and Aniruddha.
 - The bull calves were castrated and are doing well.
 - Anandavidya is making yogurt for the temple weekly, 10 gal at a time
 - Anandavidya is making 20-30 lb of butter per week.
 - Joseph helped for a few days.
 - We had lots of visitors.
 - Bahulaban Herd Count
 - Steers - 5
 - Bred Cows - 3
 - Retired Cows - 17
 - Valley Barn Herd Count
 - Bull - 1
 - Bred Heifer - 1
 - Yearly Steer - 1
 - Being Bred Heifer - 1

- Open young Heifers (not yet breeding age) - 2
 - Retired Cows - 4
 - Steers - 1
- Ray
 - Maintenance fencing at Valley Barn and Bahulaban repairs.
 - Moved hay to Temple Barn as needed.
 - Cultivated and hilled up potatoes in the Community Garden.
 - Mowed hay and baled 334 round bales around the Valley Barn area with the help of Joshua Rama, Pippalada, and Joseph. This brings the year-to-date total to 348 round bales.
 - The first cutting of hay on the fields around the Valley Barn area is now completed.
 - Built a roof over the wash station at Valley High Tunnels with some assistance from Joseph.
 - Repaired one front tire and replaced the other on a Nandagram tractor.
- Banabhatta (Nandagram)
 - Daily general cow care and barn maintenance.
 - Daily cow headcount and health check in Nandagram and Bahulaban:
 - Bull - 1
 - Steers - 12
 - Ox - 3
 - Cow being bred - 1
 - Retired Cows - 3
 - Madhu's pasture security fence completed. He was finally allowed in to enjoy fresh grasses.
 - Tripad and Caitanya scraped and cleared out the entire first barn of old hay and cow dung.
 - Ray and Joe completed fence between barn and the field house, allowing cows to enter lower pasture and geriatric cows (mainly Bhisma) who cannot walk up steep incline to access the fresh grass growing in area across from barns.
 - Chintamani was treated by the vet for abscess in hoof.
 - Assessed issue with barn roof and is working on a solution and timeline.
- Hari Bhakti (Outreach Department)
 - Strengthened our outreach efforts by creating attractive ECO-V related content on social media and in this way also appreciating ECO-V staff and volunteers.
 - Content was posted 23 times on Facebook. The content featured the cows and New Vrindaban's other animal residents, activities and life on the farm, the weekly farmers' market, the high tunnels, farm-related initiatives by the New Vrindaban community, growing food and flowers, Bodhi's passing, some of

ECO-V's staff and volunteers, guest visitors, World Yoga Day, Vedic wisdom, and Srila Prabhupada.

- Content was posted four times on Instagram, with one or two cross-posts from Facebook.
- Suchandra (Teaching Garden & Valley Barn Flower Beds)
 - Teaching Garden
 - Planted all the marigolds.
 - Weeded and dug up stinging nettle around the teepee and planted beans.
 - Tilled some extra beds and laid plastic for extra marigolds.
 - Planted morning glories, sunflowers, and other flower seeds.
 - Planted all the pots.
 - Weeded lily beds, dahlia bed, all back and front beds, and walkways.
 - Regular maintenance of garden (watered, mowed and weed-whacked)
 - Took apart some of the gazebo in the middle of the garden so lattice and a roof can be put on.
 - Barn beds
 - Pulled cannas from storage and separated, then planted three sections of them in both beds.
 - Planted marigolds and other plants in both beds.
 - Watered when needed.
- Moksa (Vidya's Garden & High Tunnel)
 - Crew: Hari Nama and Gopal
 - Planted marigold, tomato, basil, etc.
 - Harvested flowers
 - harvested a few veggies that were planted in the early spring: lettuce, radishes.
 - Cleared bulb containers to make way for more flowers.
- Analaksita (Valley High Tunnels #1 & #2)
 - Crew: Sri Nitai, Devananda, and Nicole
 - High Tunnel #1:
 - Harvested all of the beets, carrots, an old patch of celery, romaine lettuce, and prepped the beds for the next crop.
 - We transferred and treated approximately 30 eggplants for flea beetles. These were planted into HT #1
 - Planted two flats of marigolds, 12 okra, 30 eggplants, and 60 feet of green beans
 - Trimmed tomatoes and added more clips to attach them to the string.
 - Harvested romaine, yellow squash, green beans, marigolds, dahlias, parsley, celery, and Swiss chard
 - weeded and watered regularly
 - High Tunnel #1:

- All of the cauliflower was harvested, and the beds were prepped for next planting.
- Planted 130 feet of green beans, one flat of cucumbers, 45 carnations, 12 purple okra, and three rows of cilantro 60 long
- Sprouted two flats of cucumbers, butternut squash, acorn squash, yellow squash, cantaloupe, watermelon, kombucha squash, and buttercup squash.
- Trimmed and clipped the tomatoes
- Trimmed the brussel sprouts twice. They have begun producing.
- Harvested green beans, zucchini, dahlias and mixed lettuces
- Harvested and watered regularly.
- Outdoor Garden:
 - Ray disked, added manure and then tilled a 60 x 80 garden plot next to high tunnels. He laid ground cover on 3.5 four-foot-wide beds with the tractor and ground cover layer. We decided to lay the rest by hand and use up all our available ground cover in the barn. We ended up with ten 80 long beds between four and six feet wide.
 - Planted approximately 40 tomato plants and most of our squash, cucumber, and melon sprouts.
 - Planted 30 butternut squash seeds, 200 corn seeds, two flats of marigolds, approximately 50 sunflowers, and a few mint plants that were donated.
 - Cleared trees and debris from the field next to the outdoor garden.
 - Harvested lacinato kale, yellow squash, zucchini, and marigolds from the garden on the side of HT2
 - Devananda is almost finished with the brick oven. He also built an outdoor rocket stove from the bricks we have been clearing. We would like to create a space for community dinners from the garden.
 - We moved the farmers' market location to the front of the temple. It is more visible to guests and has been a great addition. We also opened for two days this past weekend.
- Production from outdoor gardens and High Tunnels (Vidya, HT #1 & HT #2) for the month of May 2021:
 - Vidya High Tunnel:
 - Carnations – 530
 - Marigolds (small) - 138
 - Peonies – 52
 - Radishes w/greens – 9 lb
 - Swiss Chard – 3.5 lb
 - Valley High Tunnels:
 - Beets – 128
 - Beet Greens – 4 bunches

- Broccoli – 83 heads
- Broccoli florets – 10 lb
- Cauliflower – 72 heads
- Carrots – 21 lb
- Celery – 32 bunches
- Cilantro – 25 bunches
- Kale – 17 bunches
- Radish, Daikon – 5 lb
- Romaine lettuce – 77 heads
- Zucchini – 8 lb
- Ranaka
 - Finalized ECO-V's financial statements ending 12/31/20 with Rama Associates.
 - The herd count remains at 66.

2. Fall Onsite Tri-Board Meetings

The dates for the next onsite meetings will be October 15-17, 2021. Vraja will represent ECO-V as an organizer on the joint board planning committee and Makara will assist Vraja as needed.