



ECO-Vrindaban Monthly Activity Report 8/15/2021

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: Chaitanya Mangala and Ishana

1. Ranaka's Monthly Report

Ranaka reported on the previous month's projects:

- Lalita Gopi
 - Temple Barn
 - There are seven cows giving milk at the barn: Sita, Sriya, Jayasri, Gaurangi, Usha, Puspavati, and Subhadra. They are producing 30 gal of milk per day.
 - There are four calves at the barn: two heifers (Sumitra and Gautami), plus two oxen (Aniruddha and Pradyumna)
 - Anandavidya is making 20-30 lb of butter per week. Caranti, the kitchen cook, has been making the yogurt.
 - Acquired some ox equipment
 - Many guests have been coming on a daily basis.
 - Nandagram
 - Anandavidya and Lalita Gopi fed out hay and filled the water tanks daily.
 - Cleared out the top level of the barns. This area will be for storing hay bales.
 - Cut the grass.
 - Cleared out the garage (metal building with three garage doors.)
 - Cleared out the garden house.

- Picked up fencing materials and stored them in the garage.
 - Lalita was given a truck load of altar boxes from the temple gift shop which will be used to repair the small barn walls and provide support for hay bales in the hay shed.
 - There are 20 cows at Nandagram.
 - Nandagram Herd Count:
 - Bull - 1
 - Steers -12
 - Oxen - 3
 - Cow being bred - 1
 - Retired Cows - 3
 - 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
 - Steer - 1
- Ray
 - Moved hay to the Temple Barn as needed.
 - Farm equipment maintenance and repair.
 - Mowed hay and baled 180 round bales with the help of Pippalada, Joshua Rama, and Joseph. This brought the year-to-date total to 754 round bales (532 first-cutting and 222 second-cutting)
- 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 25 times on Facebook about Lord Krishna as the well-wisher and protector of the cows, growing flowers, Nandagram, cheese-making, the farmers market, gardening, the cows and other animal residents, Ratha Yatra, vegetable facts, the fruits on the trees in Madhuban, the guests at the milking barn, ECO-V merchandise, life on the farm, and some Srila Prabhupada quotes.
 - Content was posted four times on Instagram.
- Suchandra (Teaching Garden & Valley Barn Flower Beds)
 - Teaching Garden:

- Planted more beans in a teepee and trained vines.
 - Worked at the Ratha Yatra booth.
 - Weeded lily beds and walkways
 - Cleaned up the garden after a bad storm. Gravel and mulch had washed into the garden.
 - Regular garden maintenance: mowed/weed-whacked, watered, and weeded
 - Harvested the rest of the lilies, gladiolas, marigolds, zinnias, filler flowers, and beans.
- Valley Barn Beds
 - Weeded, watered, and harvested
- Teaching Garden & Valley Barn harvest amounts for July 2021:
 - Marigolds, large - 3,016
 - Marigolds, small - 1,707
 - Lilies - 560
 - Gladiolas - 300
 - Zinnias - 275
 - Dahlias - 10
 - Filler flowers - 450
- Hari Nama (Vidya's Garden & High Tunnel)
 - Crew: Hari Nama & Gopal
 - Harvested celery, basil, tomatoes, lauki, bittermelon, marigolds, dahlias, zinnias, sunflowers, feverfew, globes, straw flowers, and tuberoses.
 - Planted late sunflowers in the high tunnel.
 - Grounds maintenance: cut grass, weed-eated, weeded garden beds and aisles
 - High tunnel maintenance: watered, weeded inside and outside, and staked and propped plants.
 - Production from Vidya Outdoor Gardens & High Tunnel for the month of July 2021:
 - Basil – 20 bunches
 - Bitter melon – 8 lb
 - Carnations – 1,685
 - Celery – 12 lb
 - Dalias – 746
 - Feverfew – 12 bunches
 - Gladiolus - 177
 - Lettuce – 27 heads
 - Lily's calla - 65
 - Marigolds, large – 5,922
 - Marigolds, small – 7,505

- Tuberoses – 25
 - Summer squash – 37 lb
 - Sunflowers – 25
 - Tomatoes – 6 lb
 - Zinnias – 324
- Analaksita (Valley High Tunnels #1 & #2 and Outside Garden)
 - Crew: Devananda, Vraja Mohan, and Jared
 - High Tunnel #1:
 - Fully harvested three 90' rows of green beans. Two were replanted with beans, one was replanted with three rows of spinach.
 - Planted three 30' beds of cilantro
 - Pruned tomatoes regularly.
 - Cleared dahlias of bottom leaves and sprayed with organic fungicide.
 - Released ladybugs to control aphids.
 - Weeded and watered on a regular basis.
 - Harvested and delivered tomatoes, red ember hot peppers, green beans, basil, okra, eggplant, dahlias, marigolds, and tuberoses to the temple.
 - High Tunnel #2:
 - Two 90' rows of green beans were fully harvested. Prepped the beds for the next planting and reseeded green beans
 - Regularly pruned tomatoes
 - Planted parsley, basil, and lemongrass
 - Weeded and watered on a regular basis.
 - Fully harvested Brussel sprouts and prepped bed for next planting
 - Released ladybugs to control aphids.
 - Harvested and delivered dahlias, tomatoes, green beans, jalapenos, okra, and carnations to the temple.
 - Side Garden
 - Weeded and watered on a regular basis.
 - Fully harvested zucchini and yellow squash and pulled plants
 - Green beans, red cabbage, zinnias, sunflowers, yellow squash, and zucchini were harvested and delivered.
 - Outdoor Garden
 - Harvested cucumber, yellow squash, and zucchini
 - Weeded in between squash plants.
 - Mowed and weed-eated the high tunnels weekly.
 - Cleaned the wash station on a regular basis.
 - Sprouted and transplanted cauliflower, eggplant, marigold, collard greens, and broccoli.

- The farmers' market is doing well and is now running on both Saturday and Sunday.
 - Made three weekly deliveries of flowers and one large delivery of produce to the temple
- Production from Valley Outdoor Garden and High Tunnels #1 & #2 for the month of July 2021:
 - Basil – 8 bunches
 - Cabbage – 110 lb
 - Carnations - 53
 - Celery – 53 bunches
 - Cilantro – 28 bunches
 - Cucumbers - 6
 - Dahlias – 1,727
 - Eggplant – 6 lb
 - Green beans – 295 lb
 - Green peppers – 1 lb
 - Hot Peppers – 10
 - Peppers, Red Ember - 46
 - Kale – 15 bunches
 - Marigolds, large – 1,663
 - Marigolds, small – 712
 - Okra – 4 lb
 - Parsley – 8 bunches
 - Squash, yellow – 205 lb
 - Sunflowers – 7
 - Tuberose – 14
 - Tomatoes – 122 lb
 - Zinnias - 57
 - Zucchini – 407 lb
- Ranaka
 - The herd count remains at 67.