

The gardens look fantastic, the annex is resplendent with green potato and onions overflowing their garden beds, we should probably hill the potatoes one more time. The radishes are looking very fine and will be in need of harvesting this week. The main garden is also showing off with lettuce, carrots, kale, collards, tomatoes, and now cucumbers! Less obvious, but starting to make a real showing, are the long beans in the main garden as well as along the corner fence. The orchard potatoes look great and the tomatoes are in bloom. As of last week we now have some hot peppers planted in the orchard. There are many beds yet waiting to be planted in the orchard with okra, cucumbers, and possibly more tomatoes. The citrus in the orchard on the other hand is struggling. The kumquats are beginning to show some new leaf buds and the figs are leafing out as well. The rest of the citrus is still dormant or possibly dead. We will continue to monitor them. The pear trees are in bloom and look amazing. We need to prep the garden beds in the orchard for summer plantings.

Last week we transplanted a row of pepper plant in the main garden and will transplant one more row of peppers in the main garden this week. We need now to pay attention to the weeding, fertilizing, and watering of our garden as we move into the summer garden season.

As always our well planned garden has as a main activity - harvesting. We continue to have an abundance of produce from the garden. We harvested during March over 60 pounds of produce, with carrots and lettuce being the winning producers at around 18 pounds apiece.

Harvest					
date	(Multiple Items) <input type="text"/>				
	Data				
Crop <input type="text"/>	Sum of lbs	Sum of oz	Total lbs / Oz		
carrots	16	24	17	0.50	
collards	4	22	5	6	
kale	3	21	4	5	
lettuce	16	53	19	5	
spinach	4	14	4	14	
turnips	3	15	3	15	
Onions	5	8	5	8	
herbs oregano, rosemary, sorrel	0	0			
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>13</b>	

We will conclude the tomatoes and peppers lesson this week and move on to the pest management lesson set.

Looking forward to working together,