

BKB ORGANIC FARM

END OF FEBRUARY 2013 REPORT

Background

For the past years, more so last year; BKB has been concentrating on biodiversity establishment and setting up a staggered schedule for crops to ensure a green cover all through the year.

We have done this amidst problems like prolonged droughts and labour shortage during some stages of crop growth.

Our farm has several agricultural enterprises such as vegetables, pastures, citrus fruits, bananas, bees, poultry, goats, pigs, cattle, root crops, etc. These are attended to by four persons plus one farm manager.

ENTERPRISE STATUS BY 28/02/2013

ENTERPRISE	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMANDATIONS/PLANS
POULTRY	We have mature birds & chicks all of which are a local breed.	We intend to curl off 5 old birds which are no longer productive, also bring in a male broiler to upgrade the subsequent progeny.
PIGGERY	Two sows have farrowed 18 piglets making a total of 22 pigs including one boar.	We will sell off 16 piglets, retain two piglets hence a total of 6 pigs will be kept by April 2013.
GOATS	We have 6 goats which belong to a local breed	Soon we are to curl all of these goats and replace them with Mubende goats which are good at twinning.
CATTLE	One cow gave birth to a male calf, giving a total of 3 heads of cattle 2 of which are females.	We will sell off the male calf soon after winning since this cannot yield milk.
BEEES	We have 5 bee hives 2 of which have been colonized.	At the start of the rain season we will smoke the 3 un-colonized hives to induce colonisation
VEGETABLES	This unit is occupied by crops like Okra, simsim, sorghum, beans, nakati, peas, ddodo asparagus, carrots, spider weed	Planting at different intervals to ensure continuous harvesting is our principle.
BANANAS	We have several types of bananas including: the roasting variety (gonja), cooking variety (matooke), and sweet variety (bogoya+ ndiizi).	
ROOT CROPS	We have harvested Irish potatoes. We are yet to harvest sweet potatoes. On our farm we have also planted two varieties of yams which can withstand drought	A specialised garden for yams have been planted to demonstrate food security copying mechanisms with root crops. Seeds are limiting us on this issue.
KITCHEN GARDEN	This has been harvested and are now preparing the beds to receive planting materials.	We are going to set up 4 more star beds and 6 sack mounds.

OTHER PLANS

1. **RESEARCH.**

We have set up an experiment to demonstrate the efficacy of selected biorationals which can be used to manage tomato blight. If results are positive, this will support us as we grow organic tomatoes

2. **INTERNAL SEMINARS.**

This will be based on principles and practices of organic farming and will focus all staff.

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