



APRIL 8, 2021

BIRCHYVILLE GARDEN COOP

ANNUAL REPORT

Summary

BirchyVille Garden Coop; Annual Food Bank Contribution: 727 lbs. & 33 Dozen eggs

This represents 1.4% - 1.6% of the Total Food Distribution of the Jefferson County Food Bank for the year 2020.

BirchyVille Garden Coop, "The Farm Between the Houses"; run by volunteers (563 volunteer hours for 2020) and semi pro farmers in the City of Port Townsend, were able to make a small difference in the food production supply / security for our community.

We were also, all able to take home produce as volunteers, which made a direct impact in each of our lives based on:

deliciousness, accessibility, no cost, snackiness, crunchiness, flavor, opportunity to eat new things, trying new receipts... nutrients. bio-snackability, farm-deliciousness, magical egg lifestyle, arm value tange-i-ness, value-added-diagestability.



Double Yoke Life!
Sincerely Birch :)
2/28/21

2020 Wrap Up

2020 represents a great success and growth at BirchyVille Garden Coop. We expanded significantly; we maxed out our vegetable production area, we built our soil; built our irrigation system; installed gravel pathways; consistent egg production with "Operation Egg Salad Sandwich"; the addition of the ducks meant a mutual success (symbiotic) relationship and the Raspberry Canes. The ducks like to nestle, drill and dabble near the base of the Raspberries. The result is that each cane tripled in height and production and have been ever-bearing strong Raspberry production. We had Raspberries on the vine as long as there was sunshine till the freeze in January.

2020 Financials

BirchyVille Garden Coop is a Non Profit Branch of my Health & MediCare Business. In 2020, I was able to Pay off the Tractor, Pay off the Sherman St Lots, Purchase Hendricks St Lots and reinvest in tools and equipment. We are in a good financial position for 2021.

2021 News

In 2021 we are bringing our "Cultivation Greenhouse"; (8 x 20) into production with new racks, heat mats and a small hydroponic set up to grow lettuce and mustards. This will be the location for the "Carrot Bucket Project".

We are also excited to install the "Production Greenhouse for Greens & Vegetables" which has been funded through grants from the Master Gardeners of Jefferson County, the Jefferson Community Foundation, Food Bank Food Gardens of Jefferson County. We will be using multi row planting techniques.

Purpose

We are an Urban Food Bank Food Garden associated with the Food Bank Food Gardens of Jefferson County. We grow primary for the Jefferson County Food Bank

and as well as schools and community based organization with the purpose of supporting the food production, supply / security for our community in Jefferson County Washington.

Volunteer Program

We are a place where our volunteers can earn their produce and be part of the farm cycle. We are grateful for our success and hope to inspire others who are living their food dream. Each year we reinvest in our goal of innovating sustainable food production on a small scale.

Chickens

The chickens represent a partnership by which they are employed to scratch and peck the beds prior to planting and/or their weekly house cleanings will be added to vegetable beds as part of the soil building. The chickens are responsible for the large production of the Hazel Nuts for the last few years. We do not keep roosters. It is more of collective and cooperative flock. Our chickens are raised by hand to appreciate human companionship. Their diet is supplemented with fly grubs in order that their eggs are highest in Omega 3.