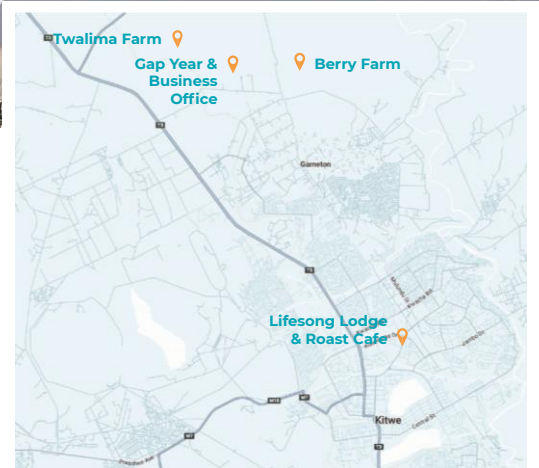




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BUSINESS UPDATES FOR APRIL 2025

Introduction: April 2025 saw good harvests, new plantings, and some challenges, but our teams worked hard across all farms to keep operations moving forward. In this edition we share stories of continued growth, harvests, and improvement.



Berry Farm: Strawberries had a strong harvest. We planted new Splendor and Inspire seedlings from South Africa in Tunnels 5 to 9. Easter holidays brought staffing challenges, and the ongoing harvest in the San Andreas tunnels made it harder to decide what to do with extra plants. Some of these were moved to Tunnel 15B, where we are building a new structure. Charlotte test plants were removed to make space for newer varieties.

Gooseberries are doing well, with more fruit coming from new plants. We continued planting in stages and got more beds ready for planting next month. Weeding moved slowly because some of the workers were helping with strawberry planting.

Blueberries also had a good harvest. Pruning has begun, and the new test varieties are starting to bloom and produce fruit. However, because some strawberry seedlings arrived late, we had to move some workers to help with them.

Raspberries also had a successful harvest. We began pruning and some of the plants were propagated. But since they are reaching the end of their season, yields are going down. Our agronomists are still treating the plants for mites.

Blackberries were moved into bigger pots this month and are growing well in their new containers.





Twalima Farm: This month we began harvesting cabbages. Even though some were affected by black rot, we expect a good total harvest for April and May. Green beans grew well and sold well, though we did run into a small leaf rust issue. We started a small pilot project with sweet corn, which is going well, and we plan to



continue in May. Another pilot project will see about 200 banana suckers planted along the Mwambashi river. This area needs fewer resources and offers better returns.



Coffee Farm: We are in full harvest mode, with full-time and seasonal workers busily picking coffee cherries. However, late rains have slowed down the drying process, increasing the risk of mold. We are eagerly awaiting drier weather to ensure a high-quality harvest. The team is working diligently to mitigate the effects of the rain and produce the best possible crop.



Nursery Farm: a new irrigation system was installed just as the rains began to ease. Most fields are now fully planted. Our banana plants are growing well, and we expect the first harvest in July. Oranges are nearly ready for picking, with bigger and better fruits this season.

Gratitude & Outlook: Indeed, the month of April saw Lifesong Farms showcase steady progress, victory over minor challenges, a focus on growth, increased harvests, and preparations for a better future.



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