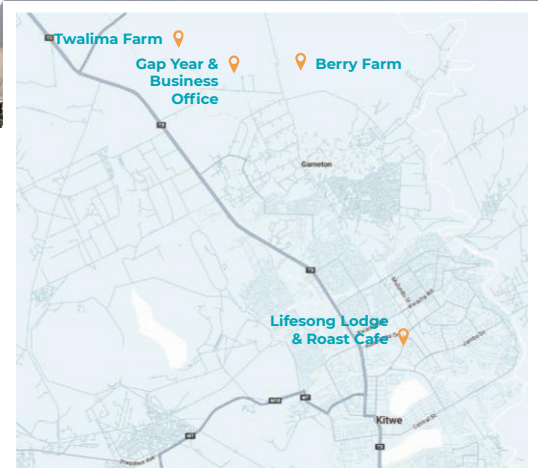




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BUSINESS UPDATES FOR MAY 2025



Introduction: In this edition we share information on the Strong Harvests, New Growth, and Teamwork Pushing Farms Forward Across All Crops. May 2025 brought solid progress to our farms. From berries to vegetables, each section of the farm saw productive harvests, careful planning, and teamwork—even in the face of challenges.



Berry Farm: The strawberries gave us a good harvest. The Inspire and Splendor varieties started producing fruit, and harvesting began. We started preparing tunnels (T10–T14) for new seedlings from Spain, and a new irrigation controller was bought and is working well. However, confirmation delays for the arrival of the new plants slowed tunnel preparation. Many plants were still full of fruit when uprooting begun, and before the new controller arrived, watering the plants took extra time. The Substrate that can be used to refill strawberry bags is almost

done. As expected at this stage, some Inspire and Splendor plants have started to die, but our agronomists are working hard to reduce the losses.

The blueberry section also moved forward. All sections were pruned, and the earlier-pruned Tropical Blue is now flowering with fruit forming. Test varieties, especially Mega Early, gave a good number of berries. General maintenance like weeding and pruning continued. The team is waiting for beds in the open area to be finished so more blueberries can be moved there. The strawberry section's need for help meant the blueberry team had to step in to meet planting deadlines.



Gooseberries saw progress with more lines planted in the upper field, and last year's area was cleared for more planting. Raspberries were pruned, and new plants are being grown. A burst irrigation pipe caused a small problem, but the team quickly repaired it. Blackberries were placed at the proper spacing and are growing well.



Lifesong Nursery: The vegetable supply to the Ministry resumed. And on a good note, all lettuce orders were fulfilled. The orange trees ripened well, and banana plants fruited nicely. Cauliflower is growing steadily, with a harvest expected in July. Construction of the nursery kitchen is nearing completion. However, the nursery faced challenges due to water shortages, largely caused by frequent electricity outages, which hindered crop care, particularly for the banana plants. Despite these issues, the nursery remains on track with its production and development plans, ensuring a continued supply of fresh produce to the Ministry and other customers. Progress is being maintained.



Coffee Farm: We saw strong harvesting, with 600 kg of cherries picked daily. The sun-drying area was improved with new stones and tarps, making the process cleaner and more efficient.

Twalima Farm: We harvested 23,000 cabbages in May. Despite pest and irrigation challenges, the team aims to increase to 25,000 monthly.



Green beans production met all orders, and we began harvesting onions—400 kg in late May—with a goal to triple that in June. We also had our first broccoli harvest of 500 heads. A student intern, Charles, showed great effort managing a small plot, and his success has been encouraging to all.

Gratitude & Outlook: Indeed, May 2025 was a month of strong effort, growth, and teamwork. The farms continue to grow stronger despite challenges, thanks to everyone's dedication.

Stay Blessed

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