

# Kitchen Garden

## Seasonal Update - June 2025

Here's an update on the Kitchen Garden as we transition from spring into summer.

### What's Ready Now?

- Thanks to the warm and dry weather the purple sprouting broccoli and cauliflowers were abundant this season.
- The **broad beans** are the final overwintered crop left and have yielded over 20kg already with plenty more to come.
- We've had a first tentative harvest of **sugar snap peas**, **strawberries** and even **tomatoes**!
- In the polytunnel - tomatoes, **courgettes**, **celery**, **chillis**, salads, peas, **tomatillos**, oca and squash.
- In the outdoor field - **salad** which will be delivered to the University kitchens as whole heads immanently. Also **kohl rabi**, beetroot and shallots.
- In the hydroponics - the first round of cucumbers are ready but, the stacked system with the salads hasn't fared quite as well.

### What's Coming Soon?

- We're coming into perhaps the busiest time of year now, trying to catch up with sowings for summer plantings as the spring crops need harvesting, weeding and watering whilst also prepping new beds.
- Quite a lot of **squash** has been planted out with the help of volunteer sessions - if everything goes to plan we should see these keeping the University kitchens stocked late autumn, through winter and hopefully into the spring.
- The **oca** have been planted out too. They will be in the ground for a while, with the tubers coming through later in November.
- Early cabbages and kale, more cucumbers and basil.

Don't forget to check back for our next seasonal update!