## A bountiful Back to Eden garden in Black Forest protected from the hail! (Materials list attached.)

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Hello, Everyone!

Two of the experiments that worked really well this year in our Victory Gardens were the use of the "Back to Eden" way of gardening under wood mulch and finding creative ways to protect our plants from the ravages of hail.

Here, in Ashleigh Quinn's garden, combining the two experiments yielded terrific results!

When Ashleigh began her gardening this year, she had no idea that her experiments would be so successful. Her surprise and delight were evident every time she wrote me and sent pictures! Please enjoy them. They are attached above.

On July 3, I got this note and photos: "Emmy, I wanted to share how happy my lettuce, kale, and herbs love the wood chip garden." On July 27, Ashleigh said she couldn't resist the temptation to see how her potatoes were doing. She sent me two photos along with this note: "I dug up one tater plant today that was a little yellow just to make sure there was no rot on the stem now that I have removed all the straw...I counted 30 potatoes on this one plant! They love the mulch! This will be a very high yield survival food in the Back to Eden method."

Among Ashleigh's experiments was the building of a hail house over part of her Back to Eden garden. The photos and the materials list are attached above.

Thank you, Ashleigh for pioneering the Back to Eden method in Black Forest and for sharing your delightful experience with the rest of us!

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## 8 attachments



