

Cheryl Shockley
Straw Bale Garden Results

- 1) Describe how you seasoned the bale: alternated high nitrogen plant food every other day with water and just water on other day for month then just let it rain till we planted.
- 2) Where did you keep the bale in relation to sun and water? Top of septic mound in sun no water except rain and hose.
- 3) What was the approximate date that you planted the bale? First week of June.
- 4) What did you plant? All gourds, zucchini, pumpkin, squash etc., tomatoes, green peppers, jalepeno peppers.
- 5) What pest(s) did most concerned you and how did you control? (include disease, weed, insect or other animal) mushrooms grow on top ?? didn't do anything, something eating leaves going to do powder on gourd leaves.
- 6) How did this method compare with the conventional for the same crop? No weeding or bending over love it.
- 7) Overall comments. Did you like it? What was good ? What was bad? Expense? Love it, cheap, no weeding, nothing bad, will try more bales and try some seeds in April with plastic covering like a tent over it.