

Farming season in our pilot farms of Goèma, Guiè and Filly / September 2015.

Pluviometry September 2015	
Dates	Rainfalls (mm)
1	17
3	1
5	6
7	4
8	7
12	1
20	33
22	2
Total	71

In Guiè, we can consider that we had only two good rains during this month. This has hampered the development of the crops that were in the heading stage, and especially in the fields where Zaï method was not applied.

In our training fields, sorghum and millet are growing well, surely thanks to the water supply of the previous months.



Some farmers have started the harvesting, especially for those who grew corn (maize). These crops can be eaten while waiting for the harvests of sorghum and millet.

We started to produce some hay. Thanks to a suitable weather, the cut grass was dry enough before being roundballed.



In Filly, rainfalls were regular and in enough amount. It rained 209 mm and the cumulated rains between the 22nd of May and the 30 of September reached 819 mm. This is exceptional. We've never seen that for the last 20 years! Unfortunately, the yield is not so good due to the excessive rainfalls of august.

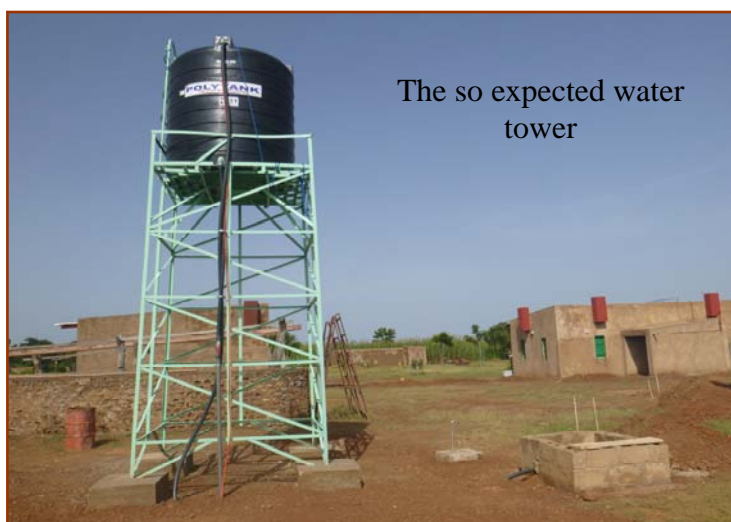


September 2015	
Dates	Rainfalls mm
1	11
4	11
5	5
6	10
9	16
12	33
15	9
17	43
19	2
20	6
21	2
22	3
23	17
25	17
27	17
30	7
Total	209

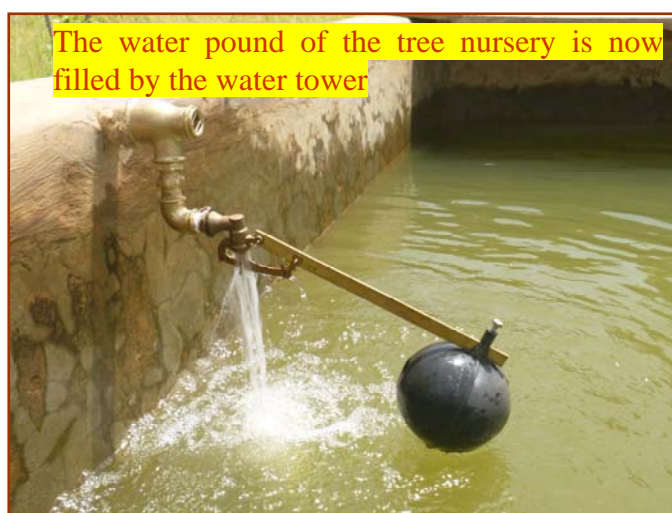


In our training fields, everything is growing well. Beans got matured, and dried. We harvest them now (see below). Sorghum is coming to maturity.

Since the 25th of September, the farm has his own water tower with a capacity of 5 m³ and an electrified pump, drawn in a drilling with a delivery capacity of 1 m³ per hour. This will permit to deliver running water for the houses, the dining hall, the cattle park and the pound of the farm's tree nursery.



The so expected water tower



The water pound of the tree nursery is now filled by the water tower

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Mois de septembre 2015	
Dates	Millimètres de pluie
1	4
5	11
8	8
12	6
18	15
19	12
20	10
22	8
26	5
30	4
Total	83

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In Goëma,

there were also no big rainfalls in September. The crops reached the maturity step in the best plots of land thanks to the rains distribution (10 in 30 days). Unfortunately a lot of fields are in a very bad situation,



because the crops had not enough water reserve or an insufficient root system. The first harvests of niebe have begun. For the other crops, they will start in a few weeks, hoping for some few more rainfalls to come in October

After having finished all the trees replacements, we began the current support of the trees we planted (that is: weeding, strengthening of the protections and half moon system) in order for the trees to go through the dry period without any problem.



In the **rainwater garden**, it is harvest time for water melons, eggplants, and peppers, ecologically produced with traditional seeds.



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