



Volimata und Philippe Raguin zu Besuch bei CONTIGO, 2018

Végétaux philosophy – written by Philippe Raguin:

“Since 2019, we live with our children and some of the employees in the farm in harmony with nature, we market vegetables, we have our school with the French CNED, we manage our electricity and our water (solar) and it is not easy because we had to learn everything, we also manage our own waste. Our life is peasant and we rarely leave our field, we refuse the public sale so as not to denature the production site as well as the birds and animals which inhabit it in quantity.

We do not have a television and have a different view of the world through our experience and our choices of knowledge on the internet. Friends come to visit us from time to time and we always have trouble getting them to leave our little paradise. We have developed various fun activities for children and adults, cycling, outdoor gym, pétanque, basketball, table tennis, trampoline, billiards, swimming pool, board games, library, pottery cement workshop, painting, computer room (we hope to connect to an independent satellite to no longer depend on large companies that cut regularly), DIY workshop of all kinds, organic planting workshop, the list is still very long.

Autonomy has a very high price which is called "work" because it is much more complicated to produce than to buy, autonomy constantly reminds you that you must get up and repair, maintain and modernize, get informed and undertake constantly, you never have a break, weekends hardly exist, monitoring is permanent and errors are present on a daily basis because there is only the school of life that allows each day to learn and learn again without ever reaching any degree. Personal satisfaction is the best decoration life can give you and finally, living in good health without meeting a doctor, pharmacist or hospital is a gigantic thumbs up compared to what the world would like to impose on us today.”