

Desi Collective Times



"AS ANTS, WE BUILD THE COLONY"

Treasury Report

MAY 2024

Welcome to the Collective's May impact and treasury report. Following the spike in March's revenues and April's expenses, May saw the Collective's overall balance sheet settle to what we expect to be a baseline going forward, with revenues and expenses closing the month at more sustainable levels as the overall market consolidates sideways. Impact levels also increased with another mission-critical protocol onboarded into the colony, as shown below.

Let's dive in to see what was on the menu in May. As always, for more information on the Collective activities, where the revenues come from, and the accounting logic, please refer to the Reporting Policy. 0

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Impact Report

The face value of assets controlled by the Collective (excluding grants) increased by 4.77% in May, increasing from \$2,943,139 on the 1st of May to \$3,083,494 by the 31st of May. The treasury increase over May was marginal, driven mostly by existing holdings rebounding a little after April's decline, the Collectives' consistent farming efforts are doing their job at growing the treasury sustainably over time.

Net Worth change



No new chains were launched in May, however, the Collective initiated support for Possum Labs, receiving a PSM grant which has been paired with assets from the Collectives treasury to ensure robust liquidity for PSM on Arbitrum. Further details of the Collective's partnership with Possum Labs will be outlined in the Impact Report below.

Debt Positions: May 2024

Week	May 02 → May 08	May 09 → May 15	May 16 → May 22	May 23 → May 29
Mainnet (DYAD)				
Collateral Value	\$112,452.00	\$112,452.00	\$112,452.00	\$112,452.00
Borrow Value	\$34,378.73	\$34,378.73	\$34,378.73	\$34,378.73
Net Value	\$78,073.27	\$78,073.27	\$78,073.27	\$78,073.27
Health Factor	3.27	3.27	3.27	3.27
Optimism (HAI)				
Collateral Value	\$40,624.06	\$42,441.26	\$51,811.81	\$51,897.38
Borrow Value	\$11,797.15	\$13,008.21	\$15,020.32	\$15,034.48
Net Value	\$28,826.91	\$29,433.05	\$36,791.49	\$36,862.90
Health Factor	3.44	3.26	3.45	3.45

Expenses were up slightly in May, mostly due to one-off expenses like the Collective contributors getting together to spread the Ant gospel at Eth Belgrade. Contributor expenses were also up as the one-month lag for contributor payments caught up after onboarding our new content strategist in April. The Collective also continued to support those who support our cause by donating 1000 LUSD to [insert here] who have supported the Collective with X.

Expenses recap	May 01 → May 31
Types of expenses	
• Gas costs	\$150.50
Contributors	\$8,900.00
• Donations	\$1,000.00
Recurring	\$1,599.61
• Other	\$4,260.45
Total	\$15,910.56

Gas costs were down significantly in all previous months, with the Collectives operations on mainnet being minimal, low L1 base fee, and the optimizations that have been achieved via the Dencun upgrade. Ethereum is scaling nicely!

May Gas costs	ETH	Value (dollar)
• Ethereum	0.0428	\$137.65
• Arbitrum	0.0006	\$1.83
Optimism	0.0017	\$5.88
• Base	0.0009	\$3.04
Polygon POS	0.328 (MATIC)	\$0.00
Mantle	0.699 (MNT)	\$0.62
Polygon ZkEVM	0	\$0
• Linea	0.0005	\$1.48
All chains		\$150.50

Revenues are up 17.57% compared to April, settling at \$57,383.30. The revenue increase was primarily due to the reduction in expenses compared to April, with total income for May being third best month behind March and April. We expect this to become the new baseline as we continue our work supporting mission-critical protocols, regardless of the earnings they provide.

As always, we strive for sustainability, with our total revenues sitting at a 72.27% surplus over the expenses. This allows us to scale up our support for existing partners and accumulate fire-power to onboard the next mission-critical protocols we identify.

Layer 2: Revenues

Week	May 02 → May 08	May 09 → May 15	May 16 \rightarrow May 22	May 23 → May 29
Collected				
• Fees	\$2,561.28	\$2,332.33	\$2,368.91	\$2,650.21
• Bribes	\$6,689.05	\$5,892.17	\$9,131.66	\$6,795.45
• LP Yield	\$6,099.83	\$5,792.12	\$7,045.78	\$6,051.89
Posted				
• Bribes	-\$2,860.67	-\$2,843.95	-\$3,017.57	-\$3,027.62
Revenues				
Net Revenues	\$12,489.49	\$11,172.68	\$15,528.77	\$12,469.93

Month	May 01 → May 31	
Positions		
● Lock Value	\$1,823,285.43	
L1 Liquid Position Value	\$327,948.72	
• L2 Liquid Position Value	\$805,686.88	
Debt		
Collateral Value	\$164 349,38	
Borrow Value	\$49 413,21	
Net Value	\$114 936,17	
Revenues		
• L1 Revenues	\$5,722.42	
• L2 Revenues	\$51,660.88	
Expenses		
• Gas costs	\$150.50	
Contributors	\$8,900.00	
• Donations	\$1,000.00	
Recurring	\$1,599.61	
• Other	\$4,260.45	
• Total	\$15,910.56	
Earnings		
Total Revenues	\$57,383.30	
Net earnings	\$41,472.74	
• Surplus	72.27%	

Mainnet

The ants' operations on Mainnet have slowed significantly over the past months, with ongoing support continuing for DYAD/USDC and a small POOL position provided as liquidity in Across. We expect this to continue as our Mainnet operations have no signs of picking up in the near future.

Optimism

The Collectives operations on Velodrome saw some slight changes throughout May. We tidied up some smaller LP positions and added a fETH/LUSD slipstream pool, which allows f(x) Protocol to have fETH liquidity on Optimism for the first time. Support continued during the majority of the month for LUSD/GRAI but this position was ultimately consolidated into other LP positions where we can provide greater support.

Significant bribe and voting support continued for LUSD/USDC, LUSD/ETH, LUSD/fETH, LUSD/USDT, LUSD/HAI, LUSD/GRAI, POOL/ETH throughout the month.

Mantle

The Collectives vote-only strategy continued on Mantle, with a small amount of LUSD/USDC liquidity being provided on Cleopatra. This position continues to be monitored, with the option of scaling it up if activity on Mantle increases.

Base

Operations on Base stayed consistent during May, with ongoing liquidity, voting, and bribe support for LUSD/USDC and POOL/LUSD continuing.

The ants' continue to be AERO bulls, locking another 25k AERO, which saw our position grow 8.76% MoM. This will continue to be a strategy from our treasury management team who believe our impact on Base will only increase over the coming months and years.

Arbitrum

Arbitrum was once again at the forefront of the ants' operations in May, which saw the Collective begging to support Possum Labs and their PSM token. This partnership consisted of Possum donating \$30k of PSM to the Collective, which has been paired with \$30k of LUSD from the treasury and provided as liquidity on Ramses via a CL pool.

The Collective also continued to provide voting and bribing support for LUSD/LQTY, POOL/WETH, LUSD/USDC, and now the PSM/LUSD throughout the month, which has resulted in these pools delivering attractive returns and maintaining substantial liquidity.

Polygon POS

On Retro, the strategy remains consistent with the previous months, with the veRETRO voting power allocated to support Bluechip pools like wMATIC/wETH, wBTC/wETH, or wMATIC/USDC.

Linea

In the April treasury report, we highlighted there had been a mysterious LUSD bull that had been bribing the LUSD/USDC pool quite substantially. This has unfortunately stopped and this pool has become much less productive for us. We still maintain a sizable, six-figure LUSD/USDC LP there, however, this position is currently under review to be better utilized elsewhere.

Although May didn't deliver the revenue that we saw in March or quite the impact we saw in April, we believe this is what the colony can come to expect as a standard month going forward. It was great to see although the market and prices of our assets consolidated, we continue to have a healthy surplus and are consistently growing firepower to provide support to the next protocol we plan to onboard.

Some very exciting conversations are happening in the background with potential new partners and some of our existing partners, so be sure to keep your eyes and ears on our socials to see what the ants' are cooking.

Luude, on behalf of the treasury and liquidity management team of the DeFi Collective: Abmis, TokenBrice, and myself.